

# Pro-Life Sit-In Planned for Boehner's Office

The purpose of the demonstration will be to protest the delay in a promised vote on the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This legislation would ban horrific late-term abortions after 20 weeks in every state.

The event, known as #FreeTheBan, will take place on Wednesday, March 25, at 11:00 AM at Sen. Boehner's office located in the Longworth House Office Building in Room 1011.

The sit-in will be led by Rev. Patrick J. Mahoney, director of the Christian Defense Coalition; blogger Jill Stanek of ; and Troy Newman, president of Operation Rescue.

Last week, Mahoney, Stanek and Newman sent a letter to Speaker Boehner expressing disappointment that a promised a vote on the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act did not take place on Jan. 22, 2015, as planned. Assurances were given that the legislation would be slightly revised and a vote rescheduled "immediately."

Now, two months later, there is still no scheduled vote on this landmark law that will protect women from traumatic late-term abortions and save the lives of thousands of babies each year from a barbaric and painful death.

Jill Stanek, a noted pro-life speaker and blogger and former registered nurse, noted her reasons for risking arrest to force this late-term abortion ban to a speedy vote; "My entry into the pro-life movement was prompted by the fact I held a 21-week abortion survivor until he died. He would have been saved by this 20-week ban," said Stanek. "I have determined now is a fitting time to leverage my experience—to refocus attention on the baby and to continue to memorialize his senseless death the best I know how."

Rev. Mahoney states, "We are coming to Speaker Boehner's office to be a voice for the innocent children who die every day in America from the violence of abortion and call upon him to schedule a vote on banning ALL abortions after 20 weeks. As we pray and peacefully risk arrest, we are saying that Republican leadership should cease all business in the House until this legislation has been passed."

Troy Newman agrees. "With the vast majority of Americans in opposition to late-term abortions, it is the duty of Congress to act immediately to protect these innocent human beings from a tortuous and grisly death," he said. "It is time to relegate all abortions to the ash heap of history along with other forms of human rights abuses, such as slavery and human sacrifice. Banning late-term abortions performed on babies (who) can feel pain is a good place to start. It is a barbaric, outdated practice that has no place in civilized society."