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The Honorable John Thune

Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Thune and Members of the United States Senate,

In 2025, Congress used the budget reconciliation process to exercise its constitutional authority and fiscal responsibility by enacting a one-year prohibition on federal funding for disqualified abortionists, such as Planned Parenthood, through Medicaid. Signed into law by President Trump on July 4, 2025, that reconciliation measure marked the first major new pro-life funding reform in over two decades.

A victory for taxpayers, unborn children, and families across the nation, this decision reflected longstanding federal policy and the clear will of the American people that taxpayer dollars should not subsidize the abortion industry. As a coalition, we write to urge members to take action in the Senate once again to defund Big Abortion led by Planned Parenthood.

This action was consistent with decades of congressional precedent. Congress has long sought to separate abortion funding from federal spending, and the 2025 reconciliation bill reaffirmed that Americans should not be forced to subsidize abortion through federal programs.

However, the defunding provision enacted in 2025 was explicitly limited to a one-year duration and remains the only major portion of that reconciliation package set to expire this year. Without further congressional action, federal funding for the abortion industry will resume after July 4, 2026, and taxpayer dollars will once again flow to organizations whose core business model relies on abortion.

Congress's funding decisions have also reflected longstanding concerns that many of the nation's largest abortion businesses engage in activities that extend beyond traditional healthcare services. These include:

- Providing and promoting abortion as a core organizational activity, while lobbying for nationwide abortion until birth.
- Offering or referring for gender transition interventions, including puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones, particularly for minors.
- Delivering sex education programs that promote inappropriate content to minors while denying parents meaningful transparency and oversight into what their children are being taught.

We write as a coalition urging members of the Senate to include a provision to extend and solidify the defunding of the Abortion industry for the maximum duration permitted under reconciliation rules in a 2026 reconciliation bill. Under current statutory budget reconciliation limitations, this means enacting a ten-year prohibition on federal funding no later than July 4, 2026. As the nation approaches the 250th anniversary of American independence, Congress has an obligation to ensure that federal spending reflects fiscal discipline, accountability, and respect for life.

The financial stakes are significant. Planned Parenthood alone receives over \$830 million annually in taxpayer funding, primarily through federal health programs. Ending this funding would represent one of the most meaningful pro-taxpayer reforms Congress can enact. At a time of historic federal debt and growing budgetary pressure, continuing to subsidize the abortion industry is neither fiscally responsible nor defensible.

Budget reconciliation remains the appropriate and proven legislative vehicle to achieve this objective. The precedent established in 2025 confirms that defunding provisions fall squarely within reconciliation's fiscal and policy scope. Extending the prohibition for the maximum ten-year window permitted under reconciliation rules would provide long-term policy stability, protect taxpayers, and prevent future administrations from restoring funding through executive action alone.

We respectfully urge the Senate to act without delay and make the defunding of Big Abortion a component of a 2026 budget reconciliation package.

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