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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump:

We want to thank you for the crucial gains you have made for the most innocent and vulnerable among us, children in the womb. We applaud your Administration for your moves to defund abortion providers overseas, allow states to disinvest from the abortion industry, and protect the conscience rights of individuals. We are also very grateful for your valuable appointments to many key positions - including to the U.S. Supreme Court. These pro-life appointments are a fulfillment of a promise you made to pro-life voters in a letter dated September 2016.

In that letter, one of your stated promises was *“Defunding Planned Parenthood as long as they continue to perform abortions, and reallocating their funding to community health centers that provide comprehensive health care for women.”* This is a topic of crucial importance to many pro-life voters because Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion chain in the U.S. and uses its enormous budget to:

- take the lives of over 320,000 preborn children each year,
- conduct huge media campaigns to thwart efforts to protect the preborn, using a marketing budget totaling hundreds of millions of dollars,
- through their PACs, defeat pro-life majorities and pro-life legislation in Congress, and attempt to prevent pro-lifers from being appointed to the Supreme Court.

Despite these outrageous actions, Congress has repeatedly sent you legislation that continues to fund Planned Parenthood with taxpayer dollars, mostly through the Medicaid program. Due to congressional inaction, getting taxpayers out of the abortion business remains one of your key promises that remains unfulfilled.

Since Congress will not lead, we are asking you to do so. The current spending bill from Congress includes no provisions to get taxpayers out of the abortion business and was purposefully drafted to exclude some of your other critical priorities.

Earlier this year, after signing a \$1.3 trillion spending bill - which also left out key Administration priorities - [you vowed](#), *“I say to Congress, I will never sign another bill like this again.”*

Mr. President, the result of this bill is just like the last one. We ask that you send this bill back to Congress without your signature and continue to do so until it stops funding abortion providers with our taxpayer dollars and protects the lives of preborn children in this country.

Sincerely,

Lila Rose, President and Founder, Live Action

Tom McClusky, President, March for Life Action

Kristan Hawkins, President, Students for Life

Penny Nance, CEO and President, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee

Peggy Hartshorn, Ph.D, Chairman of the Board, Heartbeat International, Inc.