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## Advancing Pro-Life Leadership

## Dear Member of Congress:

I'm writing to you today on behalf of over 500,000 pro-life Susan B. Anthony List members nationwide to support using the budget reconciliation process to reallocate funds away from America's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, to federally qualified health care centers that provide truly comprehensive healthcare but do not perform abortion.

Over the past year, Congressional resolve to defund America's abortion giant was spurred by undercover videos which show that Planned Parenthood has been engaged in unethical and possibly illegal practices connected to the trafficking of unborn children's organs for profit. The videos detail Planned Parenthood's willingness to manipulate abortion methods—at times, in ways that raise questions about whether the ban on partial-birth abortion has been violated—to more easily obtain hearts, lungs, brains, and other organs to be sold to tissue brokers.

In response to these horrendous videos, Congress put a bill (H.R. 3762) on President Obama's desk which used the budget reconciliation process to curtail the largest sources of Planned Parenthood's federal funding (approximately 80%) from Medicaid and other mandatory-spending programs totaling around \$400 million. While this bill was vetoed by President Obama in January of 2016, Congress showed pro-life Americans that there is a clear path to denying taxpayer subsidies to Planned Parenthood abortion facilities, needing only the election of a pro-life president.

In September of 2016 during the presidential election, then-candidate Donald Trump made clear, in a letter to pro-life Americans, his commitment to defund abortion giant Planned Parenthood. Passing a budget reconciliation bill that defunds Planned Parenthood is the only way that the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress will be able to deliver on this promise to pro-life Americans.

Over one million abortions are performed annually in the United States, with nearly 330,000 occurring in Planned Parenthood facilities. Tax dollars would be put to much better use at local community health centers, which provide considerably more health services than Planned Parenthood does (including mammograms), but do not abort the lives of unborn children and callously harvest their body parts for profit.

We urge the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress to act swiftly after President-elect Trump's inauguration to once again use the budget reconciliation process to defund Planned Parenthood.

For Life,

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