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## Right to Life - LIFESPAN

### Pro-Life Breakfast and Legislative Update

Saturday, September 26, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon    Registration: 8:15 a.m.

### Burton Manor

27777 Schoolcraft • Livonia, Michigan

*(south side of I-96 service drive, between Inkster and Middlebelt)*

### Pro-Life Attitudes Can Translate into Election Success

**M**arjorie Dannenfelser, an original organizer of the Susan B. Anthony List, is the organization's President and Chairman of the Board. As President, Marjorie directs the mission of SBA List, is the chief strategist, and serves as its primary spokeswoman. Under her leadership, the organization has grown to over 157,000 members nationwide.

Since its founding, the organization's connected political action committee, the nonpartisan Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund, has helped elect 75 pro-life candidates to the U.S. House of Representatives, seven to the U.S. Senate and seven to other statewide offices across the country.

Marjorie has represented the Susan B. Anthony List on *Fox News* (*The O'Reilly Factor*, *Real World* with Neil Cavuto, *America's Newsroom*), *CNN*, *CBN* and *EWTN*. She often appears on both regional and national radio shows, including Janet Parshall's *America, Catholic Connection* with Teresa Tomeo, *The Fred Thompson Show* and the *Bob Dutko Show*. She is a regular contributor on pro-life political issues to national radio news services, like *Focus on the Family Radio*, *American Family Radio* and *Salem Radio News*. Her commentaries have appeared around the country and have been published in *The Weekly Standard*, *National Catholic Register*, *The Washington Times*, *National Review Online*, *Townhall.com*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The DC Examiner* and many other periodicals.



**Legislative Update will include discussion of Health Care Reform Bill H.R. 3200.**

*It is critical to be involved in the pro-life movement and be an advocate for change.*

*For more details, call 248-478-8878 or 734-422-6230; see page 9 for registration information.*

# Who's Reading the Mail?

*Editor's Note: At least two of our members have received the message appearing below after emailing Senator Stabenow, informing her of their desire to keep payment for abortion out of health care reform.*

*Dear Senator Stabenow: My tax dollars should NOT BE USED TO PAY FOR THE COST OF ABORTIONS AND SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN ANY HEALTH CARE MEASUREMENTS. Please note this is the wish of many of your constituents and this should be passed on to the President of the United States. Thank you. — Isabel Johnson*

## United States Senate

U. S. Senator Debbie Stabenow  
MICHIGAN

August 19, 2009

Mrs. Isabel Johnson

Dear Friend,

Thank you...for contacting me about protecting access to comprehensive reproductive health services for women in the health care reform bill. I share your views on this issue.

You can count on me to fight to protect women's reproductive health services. As a member of the Finance Committee, which is drafting the health reform bill, I am working to ensure that this bill does not restrict access to abortion services. As health reform continues through the legislative process, I will continue to push for comprehensive health services for all women.

Reproductive health care, including abortion services, should be treated like all other health care services and be a matter between a woman and her doctor. Abortion is a very individual and difficult decision for women, often arising in complex and personal circumstances. As Congress works to provide quality, affordable health care to every American, I will keep your views in mind and fight to protect the health of women across the country.

Thank you again for contacting me. Please continue to keep me informed about issues of concern to you and your family.

Sincerely,  
Debbie Stabenow  
United States Senator

U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow  
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# Pearls of Wisdom

## PETA: Upset President Obama Would Hurt a Fly, But Abortion Another Story

By Thomas Glessner, JD

*LifeNews.com Note: Tom Glessner is a pro-life attorney who is the president of NIFLA, the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates. NIFLA is an organization that provides legal, medical and practical help for pregnancy centers across the country.*

On June 16 during an interview on CNBC, President Obama swatted at and killed a fly. The matter was treated with good humor by most. I, for one, wanted to say "Nice shot, Mr. President." However, the animal rights group, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), felt differently and publicly chastised the President for his apparent cruelty to the insect.

"We support compassion for even the smallest animals," says Bruce Friedrich, VP for Policy at PETA. "We support giving insects the benefit of the doubt." Friedrich says PETA supports "brushing flies away rather than killing them." Later PETA sent to Obama a fly catching device that traps flies and then allows for their safe release back into nature.

Upon hearing of the compassion PETA has for the smallest of creatures, I wondered what position they took on abortion. After all, if this organization believes in the protection of the lives of flies, surely they would be adamantly opposed to the killing of the unborn. Hence, I immediately did a search on the Internet to find an answer to my question. I found out that PETA's compassion for unborn human babies falls far short of its compassion for flies.

In regards to abortion, PETA's official statement reads: PETA does not have a position on the abortion issue, because our focus as an organization is the alleviation of the suffering inflicted on nonhuman animals. There are people on both sides of the abortion issue in the animal rights movement, just as there are people on both sides of animal rights issues in the pro-life movement. And just as the pro-life movement has no official position on animal rights, neither does the animal rights movement have an official position on abortion.

Now let me understand this clearly. To PETA, the life of a fly deserves to be respected and must be treated with dignity, but the life of an unborn child subject to abortion is apparently of no concern. One can be a member of PETA and support the killing of the unborn as long as that person supports the right to life of a fly.

Even if one believes that humans are no more than a higher evolved form of animal life they must surely oppose the killing of unborn children if they oppose the killing of flies. But this logic escapes PETA. Apparently, it is politically correct to PETA for people to have com-

passion for animals (even flies), but it is not politically correct to stand against the killing of unborn children.

This kind of logic borders on insanity, but exists today because American culture no longer accepts the sanctity of life ethic upon which our nation was founded. This ethic, embodied in our Declaration of Independence, proclaims that all human beings are made in the image of God and as such are afforded the inalienable right to life. The Creator bestows this inalienable right upon humanity because humanity is made in His image.

In accepting abortion on demand and the killing of 50 million unborn children since 1973, the American nation has departed far from the principles of its founding.

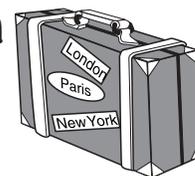
I do believe that most Americans do not accept PETA's dogma that the lives of insects are more important than the lives of human unborn children. Yet, the American public tolerates the ongoing killing of 3,300 unborn children in abortion clinics everyday. How many more unborn will needlessly die until the American nation wakes up and demands an end to this carnage?

PETA boldly stands in the public arena for the protection of the life of a fly. When will the majority of Americans who call themselves pro-life stand up boldly in the public arena for the protection of the lives of the unborn?

Until this happens the killing of the unborn will continue.

—LifeNews.com, July 8, 2009

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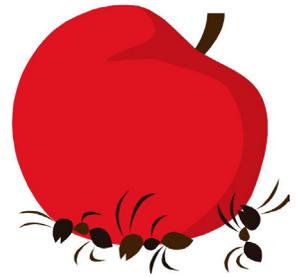
A long-time Lifespan member has used it four times  
this summer; has saved on reservations for hotels  
and rental car, and Lifespan has received great com-  
missions in return!

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# 3rd Annual CIDER WALK

“Children In-utero Deserve Equal Rights”

October 10, 2009



**New Time!**

Registration (date of Walk) begins at 1:00 p.m.

- ◆ Walk at 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ Cider and donuts to follow
- ◆ Download pledge form at [www.rtl-lifespan.org](http://www.rtl-lifespan.org), click on Events or call 248-478-8878
  - ◆ Collect pledges from family, friends and co-workers
- ◆ For anyone not collecting pledges, a minimum donation is requested day of event:  
\$10/person or \$35/family of 4 and \$5 for each additional walker
  - ◆ Turn in pledge form and donations at the Walk

**Will you walk 4.1 miles to save lives?**

Start at Rochester Municipal Park and walk the beautiful Paint Creek Trail!

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## “MOVEMENT IN MOTION”

**Youth Bus Trip to Washington, D.C. - JANUARY 2010**

**REGISTRATION:** September 8<sup>th</sup>-November 30<sup>th</sup> (or sooner, depending on how quickly the buses fill up—the quicker you sign up the better chance you’ll have of getting on board!)

**COST:** \$140.00 per person (which will include a dinner and a Continental breakfast at the host church), a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit will be required to hold a seat on the bus.

**BASIC ITINERARY:** Four buses will leave Thursday evening, January 21<sup>st</sup> from Troy & Livonia, arrive in D.C. Friday morning, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, participate in the Youth Rally/Mass at the Verizon Center and the March for Life, stay overnight at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria (Virginia), tour some sites on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> (including the Arlington National Cemetery), and arrive back home on Sunday morning, January 24<sup>th</sup>. (For those who would like to attend the Catholic Mass, Buses 1-3 will go to the Basilica Saturday evening).

**QUESTIONS? WANT TO REGISTER?** Call Lynn, Bus Trip Coordinator, RTL- LIFESPAN Oakland/Macomb Chapter office, at **248-816-1546** or e-mail her at [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org). Be sure to put “Movement in Motion” in the subject line of your e-mail message. Please note: We are not planning a “red eye” trip, unless we get a commitment of 50 people.

**Help us spread the word about the trip to your family members, friends at school, at college and in your faith community!!!**

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# LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4, 2009

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Across the U.S. and Canada, on National LIFE CHAIN Sunday, hundreds of thousands of participants will silently stand in peaceful, prayerful witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. Signs will be provided; only official Life Chain signs should be used. (To obtain signs prior to Oct. 4, or for more information, call 248-478-8878.) Please stand at least twelve feet apart. Do not stand in clusters. The longer the chain, the greater impact it will have on those passing by. It's free. It's easy. It's effective. It has saved lives! LIFE CHAIN will be held at these locations:

- ☆ **Downtown Belleville, Main St. at Five Points to Belleville Lake Bridge—Belleville**
  - ☆ **Woodward Ave., from 11-12 Mile Rds.—Berkley/Royal Oak**
    - ☆ **Commerce Rd., west of Union Lake Rd., Commerce**
  - ☆ **Telegraph Rd. at Ford Rd., north to Hass St.—Dearborn Heights**
    - ☆ **Gratiot at Six Mile Rd.—Detroit**
  - ☆ **Halsted Rd., just north of 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills**
- ☆ **12 Mile Rd., btwn Orchard Lake and Farmington Rds., Farmington Hills (2-3 p.m.)**
  - ☆ **9 Mile Rd. and Woodward Ave., Ferndale**
  - ☆ **14 Mile Rd., west of Utica Rd., Fraser**
  - ☆ **M-59 at Milford Rd., Highland**
- ☆ **Farmington Rd., btwn. Lyndon and I-96, Livonia (12-1 p.m.)**
- ☆ **Middlebelt Rd., from Jamison (2 blks. south of 5 Mile Rd.) to 6 Mile Rd.—Livonia**
  - ☆ **620 General Motors Rd., btwn. S. Milford Rd. and Main St., Milford**
    - ☆ **Gratiot Ave., from 15 to 16 Mile Rds., Mt. Clemens**
      - ☆ **Ryan and 18 Mile Rds., Sterling Heights**
      - ☆ **Pontiac Trail and Maple Rd., Walled Lake**
      - ☆ **Ryan and 11 Mile Rds., Warren**
    - ☆ **26 Mile Rd., btwn. Van Dyke and Mound Rds., Washington**
    - ☆ **Elizabeth Lake Rd., west of Telegraph Rd., Waterford**
    - ☆ **Intersection at Wayne and Warren Rds.—Westland**

**Will YOU stand with us? Call to register your church or group, 248-478-8878**



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## WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH?!

*Hello fellow pro-lifers...young people, parents of young people, Youth Leaders/Coordinators, Clubs/Groups, Teachers, Pastors and Young Volunteers!*

The **Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity**, sponsored by Stand True, will be held **Tuesday, October 20th**. Students from all over the nation will give up their voices for a day in solidarity for the unborn children (over 50,000,000) whose lives have been taken by surgical abortion since January 22, 1973. Their sweet little voices will never be heard.

Will you join with other students from Michigan? Abbot Middle School, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Almont High School, Belleville High School, Canton High School, Cornerstone University, Iroquois Middle School, Lapeer East High School, Macomb Community College, Michigan State University, Northville High School, Novi High School, Troy Athens High School, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor), West Bloomfield High School and Western Michigan University will be participating.

Red armbands and duct tape will identify those who are taking part in the day of silence. For more information, go to [www.silentday.org](http://www.silentday.org). Instructions, fliers, and a complete list of schools, colleges, and universities where students will be participating are available to help you have a successful day of silence.

**Attention Ladies, ages 12 and up!** The 4th annual "Born to be a Lady" Fashion Show will be held **Sunday, March 21, 2010**, at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church in Sterling Heights. The emcee/guest speaker will be Mary Dudley, former host of Michigan Catholic Radio's Live from the Shrine, co-founder of Arrested by Mercy, a pro-life program and Stage of Faith Productions, an apostolate that provides retreat programs/devotional CDs.

Please see articles in this newsletter for Lifespan's Breakfast, Life Chain and Cider Walk! Keep on Loving LIFE!

—Lynn Gura, Youth Projects Coordinator  
Right to Life – LIFESPAN

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 Mary Cascos, Office Manager

### State Fair thanks

A great time was had by all our volunteers who graciously gave of their time to help at the Michigan State Fair. We reached hundreds of people at our booth. Thanks for helping us spread the pro-life message.

### Think Christmas

If your church is having a holiday bazaar and you would be willing to help Lifespan by selling our beautiful Christmas Cards and/or Entertainment 2010 Books, please give us a call. If your church does not sell cards, all it will take is permission from your pastor and a church bulletin article, which we can provide. We will give you a supply of cards and books, and all unsold items can be returned after the holiday. Give the office a call today at 313-640-8534.

### Book Sale success

What a wonderful time we had at our third annual Used Book Sale. Thanks to all

those who donated and bought books. Thanks to all the beautiful volunteers who helped Norma and Diane to sort, transport, set up and clean up. Without angels like you, our sale would not be possible.

Thanks to St. Mary's and their staff for putting up with us all week and giving us such a lovely, air conditioned facility. I would like to especially thank Doug Ritter who set up for me; Sue Ducharme, Chris Hansen and Diane Fagelman for giving up two long days of their busy life and my husband, George, who stood by my side during the whole sale. May God continue to bless you for all you do for His little ones.

### Prayer vigil

A Prayer Vigil, sponsored by Helpers of God's Precious Infants, will be held on September 19th at St. Basil the Great Church in Eastpointe. Bishop Daniel Flores will be presiding. For more information call: 313-530-4539.



### Scrapbooking Event Make scrapbook albums for Wee Care moms!

Sponsored by: Michigan Scrapbooker, Inc.  
 at St. Benedict's Church in Waterford  
 September 19, 2009  
 No experience necessary  
 For information: call Carrie 248-760-6782

## wee care

A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN  
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 Livonia, MI 48152-2193  
 Phone 248-478-8884 • Fax 248-478-8854  
 Office Hours: By appointment  
 Karen Patrosso, Director



Remember "Molly"? She was the teenager whose mother took her for an abortion but had only \$1200 instead of the \$1400 required to abort the baby—she was six months pregnant at the time. They both came to our office not knowing what to do.

Well, "Molly" gave birth to a beautiful baby girl last week. She didn't realize how much she was going to love the baby—but out of that love—she gave her tiny daughter to the outstretched arms of an adoptive couple, who were filled with joy beyond belief.

It's been a difficult week for her, as we all can imagine. Although it will be an open-adoption and she will be able to see her little girl, her heart is still breaking. The one thought that she keeps thinking over and over is that she almost destroyed this precious baby. Knowing that she gave her life and seeing the happiness of the adoptive parents is what is getting her through. Please keep her in your prayers!

And now, a plea for help! I am really low on lightweight sleepers, sizes 0-3 and 3-6 mos. (I have a nice supply of "newborn," but they only fit up to 8 lbs!) I also desperately need onesies—sizes 0-3 and 3-6 mos. And finally, paper bags! I need paper grocery bags with handles, shopping bags or large gift bags. It is a long way until Christmas when we receive some donations, so any help would be appreciated!

Thank you for everything—without you, we wouldn't be here. Because of you, Molly's precious daughter is safe, is loved and is cherished. God bless.

—Karen

P.S. Don't forget the scrapbooking event for Wee Care on Sept. 19th! See details above.

*All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.*

## oakland/macomb

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### Abortion allowance

The following is a quote from a *Washington Times* editorial on August 24th. "If Democratic plans are passed, your taxes will pay for abortions. House and Senate sponsors defeated a total of seven different attempts, in our committees, to restrict the use of federal funds for abortions." The *Times* goes on to describe the Capps Amendment, adopted by a House committee, that abortion advocates say prohibits abortion funding, but doesn't. Section 4 (B) of the amendment reads: "Abortions for Which Public Funding is Allowed—The services described in this subparagraph are abortions for which the expenditure of Federal funds appropriated for the Department of Health and Human services is permitted."

The *Washington Times* joins the *Associated Press*, *Time Magazine* and the nonpartisan *FactCheck.org* in asserting the current health reform proposals will fund abortion.

### Email excellence

It is really happening. We are getting more and more email addresses which is helping us in two ways: 1) We can get time-sensitive information to you quickly, and 2) we are able to cut our postal costs. If you have not emailed your email address to us, please consider doing so. Our email server is safe and secure. You will not get spammed or phished if you give us your email address, and it really makes for quick, efficient communications. You can email your address to us at [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org). If you send us your address via email, we can copy it right into our address book so we are sure to have it correctly entered.

### Renewal reminder

If you look at the label on this newsletter, you will see a date under your name. That date represents the last time you renewed your membership with Lifespan. Your membership is for one year. So, if you see a date that says 9/2/08, you will be getting a renewal letter from us in September of 2009. If the date says 5/20/06 (or whatever) it means that your renewal was due in May of 2007, and we have not heard from you. Why is this so important?—because we simply cannot exist without our members. Yes, we do fundraising during the year, but members are truly the lifeblood of our organization. So, please look on your label. If you are past due for renewal, please renew today! We really need you, and so do those who depend on us for your voice!

## wayne west/downriver

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Patricia Holscher, Director; Laurie Masiarak, Ofc. Mgr.

### We've moved...

The Wayne West/Downriver Chapter of Lifespan has moved to: 14600 Farmington Road, Suite 108, Livonia, MI 48154. We are on the east side of Farmington Road at Lyndon, between 1-96 (Schoolcraft Road) and Five Mile. Our office is on the back side of the building. The phone number remains the same: 734-422-6230. We invite you to stop in and see the new office if you are in the area.

### Entertainment Books 2010

2010 Entertainment Books are here with coupon savings up to 50%! They make great house-warming, hostess, birthday, anniversary and Christmas gifts. The cost is reduced to \$20 and includes a FREE 2009 Entertainment Book (while supplies last). 2009 Books can be used through Nov. 1, 2009. Come in and browse through the new 2010 book.

### And the winners are...

Our thanks to all of you who took the time to get pledges and to bowl in Lifespan's 27th annual "Bowling for Life" FUNdraiser. Our special thanks to Maureen and Rich Dreslinski who welcomed bowlers and set them up on the lanes. They are a great team and because of them, the event ran smoothly and everyone had a good time.

Those winning the grand prizes for most pledges collected by August 24, 2009 include:

\$200 Savings Bond.....	Bob Cook.....	\$635.00
\$100 Savings Bond.....	Dorothy MGrath.....	\$493.00
\$ 75 Savings Bond.....	Ron Sulkowski.....	\$341.00
\$ 50 Savings Bond.....	Richard Dreslinski.....	\$255.00

High games with handicap:

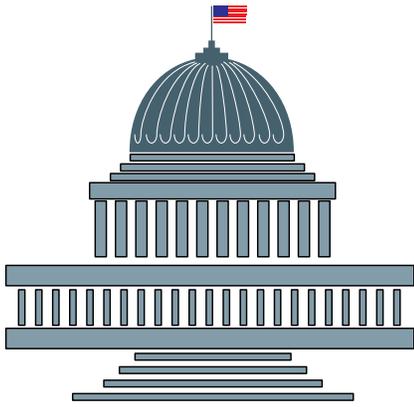
\$100 Savings Bond...Man:	Chris Burnham.....	264
\$100 Savings Bond...Woman:	Carrie Good.....	264
\$100 Savings Bond...Child:	Joshua Cameon.....	197

High series with handicap:

\$100 Savings Bond...Man:	Chris Burnham.....	717
\$100 Savings Bond...Woman:	Carrie Good.....	682
\$100 Savings Bond...Child:	Joshua Cameon.....	554

### LIFE CHAIN

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Contact Information

### President

President Barack Obama  
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Dear Mr. President:

### U.S. Senators

The Honorable (Carl Levin, Debbie Stabenow)  
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Washington, DC 20510  
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Dear Senator (last name):

### U.S. Representatives

The Honorable (first and last name)  
House of Representatives  
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Dear Congressman/Congresswoman (last name):

### Governor

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
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Dear Governor Granholm:

### Michigan State Senator

The Honorable (full name)  
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Dear Senator (last name):

### Michigan State Representative

The Honorable (full name)  
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Dear Representative (last name):

*Editor's Note: In spite of the best efforts of mainstream media to convince our country otherwise, it is becoming increasingly clear that the health care reform advocated by the current administration in Washington is designed to include coverage for abortion. Ask your elected official if he/she has read the various versions of health care reform bills and if not, ask how he/she can vote for or against something about which they do not have first-hand knowledge.*

## Associated Press reverses itself, admits health care bills include sbortion funding

Two days after *LifeNews.com* exposed an *Associated Press* article that misled its readers on the abortion funding contained in the government-run health care plans, *AP* backtracked. The news service is now reporting that the bills Congress is considering will result in taxpayer-funded abortions. *AP* featured a new article with the headline, "Gov't insurance would allow coverage for abortion."

Reporter Ricardo Alonsozaldívar writes, "Health care legislation before Congress would allow a new government-sponsored insurance plan to cover abortions, a decision that would affect millions of women and recast federal policy on the divisive issue."

That's a far cry from the story where *AP* writer Charles Babington wrote a "fact check" that claimed it is "not clear" if abortion funding is included in the legislation.

—*LifeNews.com*, August 5, 2009

## CBS News covers up abortion funding in health care in misleading factcheck

*CBS News* has become the latest mainstream media outlet to come under criticism from pro-life advocates for covering up the abortion funding tucked away in the government-run health care plan. The *Associated Press* had covered up the abortion funding but recently [flip-flopped](#) and admitted it exists.

In a news article posted on its web site titled "10 Health Care Reform Myths," *CBS News* lists number five

as "Health Care Legislation Mandates Taxpayer Dollars Pay for Abortions." "Nothing in the legislation, however, has 'mandated' that abortion services be included in the benefits package," *CBS News* claims. *CBS News* contends the House Energy and Commerce Committee [approved an amendment](#) by pro-abortion Rep. Lois Capps, a California Democrat, "that would prohibit taxpayer dollars from funding abortions."

Douglas Johnson (NRLC) tells *LifeNews.com* that *CBS News*' analysis of the Capps amendment is off base. "The Capps Amendment was offered by a lawmaker with a 100 percent decade-long pro-abortion voting record, and it was opposed by all authentic pro-life groups, yet *CBS* presents the amendment as incorporating an anti-abortion policy," he said.

—*LifeNews.com*, August 6, 2009

## Michigan State bill introduced to protect from unconstitutional health care

State Rep. Justin Amash introduced a resolution on August 19th that amends the Michigan constitution to prohibit the government from compelling citizens to join a government-run health care system, such as the one Congress is now debating. Amash said that expanding access to health care is best achieved by ensuring that private health care systems can compete effectively with each other, which will lower costs and improve quality for everyone. Amash's resolution affirms the rights of citizens, employers, and health care providers to make voluntary agreements related to health care. It also nullifies any new law or governmental rule that attempts to force participation in any particular health care system.

To amend Michigan's constitution, the Michigan House and Senate must pass the resolution with a two-thirds majority of each chamber voting in favor. The measure would then go before voters in the 2010 November general election.

## Supreme Court Justice Appointments are Critical

### Ruth Bader Ginsburg and a question of eugenics

*After the Supreme Court justice's comments in a recent interview, I would like to know if she believes some populations are in need of shrinking through abortion.*

—Jonah Goldberg, July 14, 2009, *Los Angeles Times*

Here's what Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said in Sunday's *New York Times Magazine*: "Frankly I had thought that at the time [*Roe vs. Wade*] was decided," Ginsburg told her interviewer, Emily Bazelon, "there was concern about population growth and particularly growth in populations that we don't want to have too many of."

The comment, which bizarrely elicited no follow-up from Bazelon or any further coverage from the *New York Times*—or any other major news outlet—was in the context of Medicaid funding for abortion. Ginsburg was surprised when the Supreme Court in 1980 barred taxpayer support for abortions for poor women. After all, if poverty partly described the population you had "too many" of, you would want to subsidize it in order to expedite the reduction of unwanted populations.

Left unclear is whether Ginsburg endorses the eugenic motivation she ascribed to the passage of *Roe v. Wade* or whether she was merely objectively describing it. One senses that if Antonin Scalia had offered such a comment, a *Times* interviewer would have sought more clarity, particularly on the racial characteristics of these supposedly unwanted populations.

Regardless, Ginsburg is certainly right that abortion has very deep roots in the historic effort to "weed out" undesired groups. For instance, Margaret Sanger, the revered feminist and founder of Planned Parenthood, was a racist eugenicist of the first order. Even more perplexing: She's become a champion of "reproductive freedom" even though she proposed a "Code to Stop Overproduction of Children," under which "no woman shall have a legal right to bear a child without a permit." (Poor blacks would have had a particularly hard time getting such licenses from Sanger.)

If Ginsburg does see eugenic culling as a compelling state interest, she'd be in fine company on the court. Oliver Wendell Holmes was a passionate believer in such things. In 1915, Holmes wrote in the *Illinois Law Review* that the "starting point for

an ideal for the law" should be the "coordinated human effort ...to build a race."

In 1927, he wrote a letter to his friend, Harold Laski, telling him, "I... delivered an opinion upholding the constitutionality of a state law for sterilizing imbeciles the other day—and felt that I was getting near the first principle of real reform." That was the year he wrote the majority opinion in *Buck v. Bell* (joined by Louis Brandeis) holding that forcibly sterilizing lower-class women was constitutional. In recent years, openly discussing the notion of eugenic aspects of abortion has become taboo. But as Ginsburg's comments suggest, the taboo hasn't eliminated the idea; it's merely sent it underground.

To be sure, some heterodox liberals speak up. The writer Nicholas von Hoffman has written: "Free, cheap abortion is a policy of social defense. To save ourselves from being murdered in our beds and raped on the streets, we should do everything possible to encourage pregnant women who don't want the baby and will not take care of it to get rid of the thing before it turns into a monster..."

In 1992, Ron Weddington, co-counsel in the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court case, wrote a letter to President-elect Clinton, imploring him to rush RU-486—a.k.a. "the abortion pill"—to market as quickly as possible.

"[Y]ou can start immediately to eliminate the barely educated, unhealthy and poor segment of our country," Weddington insisted. All the president had to do was make abortion cheap and easy for the populations we don't want. "It's what we all know is true, but we only whisper it... Think of all the poverty, crime and misery...and then add 30 million unwanted babies to the scenario. We lost a lot of ground during the Reagan-Bush religious orgy. We don't have a lot of time left."

Weddington offered a clue about who, in particular, he had in mind: "For every Jesse Jackson who has fought his way out of the poverty of a large family, there are millions mired in poverty, drugs and crime." Ah, right. Jesse Jackson. Got it.

Unlike Bazelon, I for one would like to know whether Ginsburg believes there were—or are—some populations in need of shrinking through abortion and whether she thinks such considerations have any place at the Supreme Court.

And while we're at it, it would be interesting to know what Supreme Court nominee (since confirmed) Sonia Sotomayor thinks about such things. — [jgoldberg@latimescolumnists.com](mailto:jgoldberg@latimescolumnists.com)



## Lifespan Pro-Life Breakfast and Legislative Update

*Reservations are required by Friday, September 18. Complete the form below, make checks payable and mail to: Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152. For more details, see front page of this newsletter and/or call 248-478-8878 or 734-422-6230.*

### Yes! I will attend Lifespan's Breakfast on Saturday, September 26!

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats @ \$20.00 each; \_\_\_\_\_ seats @ \$10.00 each (students 21 or younger); \$\_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed

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Please send a complete list of names and addresses for all people for whom you are ordering tickets.

# Student Essay Contest

**DEADLINE:** Tuesday, November 3, 2009

## ELIGIBILITY:

Any student in grades 9-12, in public, private or home school, who resides in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb County, and / or who is a member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, regardless of residency, is eligible for the contest except for students in the immediate family of a board member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN.

## RULES:

1. The topic of the pro-life essay entry must feature one or more aspects of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, human embryonic stem cell research or human cloning. The essay must be titled.
2. The essay shall be a minimum of 500 words, a maximum of 1000 words. No poems will be accepted.
3. The essay should be typed, but may be legibly handwritten.
4. Each entry must be the student's original work. One entry per student.
5. On the BACK only of the last page of the essay, the student must PRINT neatly his/her name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school, plus the names of his/her parents or guardian.
6. Each entry becomes the property of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, and each student who enters the contest assigns copyright for the entry to Right to Life - LIFESPAN.
7. The essay shall be judged on content and style.
8. All entries shall be considered by impartial judges selected with experience in the content. Judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize.
9. Decisions of the judges shall be final.
10. All entries must be received by **Tuesday, November 3, 2009**, and mailed or delivered to: Student Essay Contest 2009, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152.



## PRIZES:

First: \$500 Savings Bond  
Second: \$200 Savings Bond  
Third: \$100 Savings Bond

Prizes will be awarded at the Rally for Life, January, 2010. The first-prize winner shall also be invited to read the winning essay at the Rally, and the winning entry shall be printed in *Lifespan News*. For more information, call Lifespan's Main Office **248-478-8878**.



**Deadline:** Tuesday, December 1, 2009

The theme of the Student Video Contest is open to any pro-life issue. Each video submitted should be between 5-7 minutes long and may be submitted on either DVD or VHS tape.

## Prizes:

1st place: \$500 savings bond  
2nd place: \$200 savings bond  
3rd place: \$100 savings bond

The top three videos will be featured on **YouTube**. The first-prize entry is also eligible for reproduction on the LIFESPAN **MySpace** page.

**Rules:** Any student in grades 9-12, in public, private or homeschool, who resides in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb County and/or is a member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, regardless of residency, is eligible for the contest, except for students in the immediate family of a board member of Lifespan. Entrants are required to submit a written explanation of their video in no more than 50 words, answering the following questions:

**What pro-life message are you expressing?  
How did you impart this message through your video?  
Why is this message important to you?**

Each entry must include, on a separate sheet of paper, NEATLY PRINTED, the title of the video, the student's name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school, names of any participants in the video, and the names of his/her parents or guardian.

All entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Tuesday, December 1, 2009 and mailed or delivered to: **Student Pro-Life Video Contest 2009, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152**. For additional rules or more information, call **Chris at 734-306-6028** or **Lynn at 248-816-1546**.

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**From the President's Desk**

Dear Friends,

Just when I thought things could not get any worse, along comes the summer of 2009. Thanks to the last election, we now have an incompetent, irresponsible Congress trying to take over our health care. The Obama solution seems to be the control of our citizens in every aspect of their lives which includes who should live and who should die. I hate to say "I told you so," but for years we, in Lifespan, have been addressing the problems of the slippery slope involving the life issues. It started with abortion, and then came the cry to control the number of births per family. Then the "death with dignity" gang started pushing their assisted suicide agenda. Today, the extreme is the manipulation of the human genome to produce the human product they want—embryonic stem cell research is fully funded by your tax money.

Well, it looks like this administration will give us all of these things in a nice package called Government Health Care. Before the election I warned what a vote for Mr. Obama would mean to the pro-life cause. His first act as President was to bring back abortion funding to third-world countries. His appointment of Sonia Sotomayor (who is strongly pro-abortion) for Supreme Court Justice is just what he promised his supporters. His cabinet and other appointees also have a pro-abortion (anti-life) philosophy.

The proposed Health Care bill contains pro-death legislation, but because of public pressure, the part of it pertaining to those 65 and over being mandated to consider end of life "care," (passive euthanasia and assisted suicide) is still being debated. The bill also covers reproductive health (code word for abortion.)

Voting in Mr. Obama has resulted in the continuing slide on the slippery slope which we may never be able to stop. I say "may" because we can halt this madness if we can change hearts and minds. We need to make the right to life our primary issue—to vote for those people whose philosophy is steeped in truth.

Would you help us educate? Together, we can change hearts and minds. Please ask a friend to join LIFESPAN. We need to build a membership that will increase pro-life knowledge within our community.

HELP US NOW—  
DON'T PROCRASTINATE — "JUST DO IT!"

*Diane*

**Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form**

Right to Life - LIFESPAN believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the unborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the monthly newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

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**Speaker: Janet Holtz**

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**Speakers: Mary Jo and Del Paquin**

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**Speaker: Cynthia Kidder**

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