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RE: NRLC urges "yes" vote on Paul Amendment related to defunding abortion providers including Planned Parenthood.

Dear Senator:

Shortly, a vote is expected on an amendment from Sens. Rand Paul and Mike Lee to H.R. 6157, the appropriations bill, to eliminate federal funding for abortion providers.

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of state right-to-life organizations, supports the amendment and intends to include any roll call on it in our scorecard of key roll calls of the 115th Congress.

The amendment will prohibit any federal funds from going to entities, like the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), who perform elective abortion.

The amendment would deny Fiscal Year 2019 appropriated federal funds to Planned Parenthood and its affiliates. PPFA is the nation's largest abortion provider, reporting well over 300,000 abortions in 2017. Over one-third of all abortions in the U.S. are performed at PPFA-affiliated facilities. For additional up-to-date information on the extent of Planned Parenthood's involvement in abortion, see: www.nrlc.org/communications/ppfamediabackground/

Thank you for your consideration of the position of National Right to Life on this matter of importance to our organization.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of David N. O'Steen in blue ink.

David N. O'Steen, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Handwritten signature of Jennifer Popik in blue ink.

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