**President Trump’s Record on Life**

**Judicial Appointments**

Supreme Court:

President Trump has appointed Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. These appointments are consistent with the belief that federal courts should enforce the rights truly based on the text and history of the Constitution.

Lower Courts:

Total judges confirmed: 123 (40 this Congress)

* Circuit judges: 41 (11 this Congress)
* District judges: 80 (27 this Congress)
* Court of Federal Claims: 2 (2 this Congress)

**Promise to Veto Legislation that Threatens Pro-life Policy**

In January of 2019, when pro-abortion Democrats took control of the House of Representatives, President Trump issued a letter stating, “I am concerned that this year, the Congress may consider legislation that could substantially change federal policies and laws on abortion, and allow taxpayer dollars to be used for the destruction of human life. I will veto any legislation that weakens current pro-life federal polices and laws, or that encourages the destruction of innocent human life at any stage.”

**Promise to Sign Pro-life Initiatives**

In order to communicate the Administration’s support or opposition to legislation to Congress, an Administration often issues a “Statement of Administration Policy” (SAP). A SAP is a strong public statement from the President’s advisors stating whether they would recommend that the President would sign or veto legislation into law should it pass.

Pain-Capable Unborn Children:

In addition to President Trump’s stated support for protecting babies capable of feeling pain, a SAP was issued saying the President’s advisors would recommend that he sign the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This legislation extends protection to unborn children who are at least 20 weeks because by this point in development (and probably earlier), the unborn have the capacity to experience excruciating pain during typical abortion procedures.

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion:

A SAP was issued with regards to the No-Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2019 which would permanently prohibit any federal program from funding elective abortion.

Born-Alive Protections:

An additional statement was issued for the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act which would extend federal legal protection to babies who are born alive during an abortion.

**Stopping Tax Dollars from Funding Abortion Internationally**

In January 2017, President Trump reinstated the long-standing “Mexico City Policy,” and expanded it under the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance program. The Mexico City Policy prevents tax funds from being given to organizations that perform abortions or lobby to change the abortion laws of host countries. Further, the expanded policy prevents $9 billion in foreign aid from being used to fund the global abortion industry. Originally established by President Ronald Reagan in 1984, the Mexico City Policy ensures that “U.S. support for family planning programs is based on respect for human life, enhancement of human dignity, and strengthening of the family.”

In 2019, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo closed what had become a loophole, now requiring any foreign non-governmental organization (NGO) to confirm that they are not passing U.S. funds along to other organizations that still promote abortion.

**Stemming Funding to Abortion Providers through the Title X Program**

Title X is a federal grant program that awards money to recipients in order to provide family planning services.

Protect Life Rule:

President Trump’s Health and Human Services Department (HHS) issued regulations known as the Protect Life Rule. Under the rule, abortion facilities may not be in the same location where family planning services are delivered.  The rule also states that Title X grantees may not refer for elective abortion.  The rule does not cut funding for family planning, but ensures that funding goes to health facilities that do not perform or promote abortion as family planning.  Under the Obama Administration policy, Title X consistently funded family planning through organizations that promoted and provided abortions.

Restoring Ability of States to Direct Title X Funds Away from Abortion Providers:

In 2017 President Trump signed a resolution into law that overturned an eleventh-hour regulation by the Obama administration that prohibited states from defunding certain abortion facilities in their federally funded family planning programs. Further, future administrations that may be hostile to life are prohibited from issuing a regulation similar to what President Obama had done.

**Pro-life Appointments**

President Trump has appointed numerous pro-life advocates in his administration and cabinet including Counselor to the President Kellyanne Conway, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Energy Rick Perry, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson, former United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley, and former Chief of Staff Reince Priebus.

**Defunding Planned Parenthood**

President Trump supports directing funding away from Planned Parenthood, the nation’s largest abortion provider. In a September 2016 letter to pro-life leaders, he noted that “I am committed to...defunding Planned Parenthood as long as they continue to perform abortions, and re-allocating their funding to community health centers that provide comprehensive health care for women.”

**International Abortion Advocacy**

The Trump Administration cut off funding for the United Nations Population Fund due to that agency’s involvement in China’s forced abortion program. Additionally, President Trump instructed the Secretary of State to apply pro-life conditions to a broad range of health-related U.S. foreign aid.

**Protecting Conscience Rights of Healthcare Providers**

Creation of a New Office of Conscience and Religious Freedom:

In January 2018, HHS announced the creation of the Conscience and Religious Freedom Division within the Office for Civil Rights. This new department has been enforcing federal laws to protect “providers, individuals, and other health care entities from having to provide, participate in, pay for, provide coverage of, or refer for, services such as abortion, sterilization, or assisted suicide.”

Strengthening Enforcement of Existing Conscience Protection:

In May 2019, the Trump administration finalized new regulations to strengthen enforcement of federal laws protecting the conscience rights of health care workers who do not want to participate in abortion. The regulations clarify what recourse is available to victims of discrimination under the law and what penalties the HHS Office of Civil Rights may enforce for violations.

Clarifying Obamacare Discrimination Provisions:

Obamacare prohibits a health program from discriminating on the basis of sex. The Obama administration had defined this discrimination to include abortion. In May 2019, HHS issued a proposed rule to make clear that it is not “discrimination on the basis of sex” for an individual doctor or a facility to refuse to abort an unborn child.

**Disclosure of Abortion in Obamacare Plans**

The 2010 Obamacare health law ruptured longstanding, nearly uniform policy that federal programs did not pay for abortion or subsidize health plans that included coverage of abortion, with narrow exceptions. Obamacare included a provision wherein insurers were supposed to collect separate payments for abortion services and inform enrollees if abortion was a covered service. The Obama Administration issued Section 1303 regulations permitting insurance companies to ignore separate payment requirements which included failing to require insurers to disclose the abortion surcharge from consumers.

The Trump Administration has issued both new guidance and proposed regulations surrounding Section 1303. These regulations will at least ensure basic transparency is provided to consumers – and inform them when they are paying for abortion coverage they might object to. The new regulations will help to eliminate Obama-era secrecy about abortion coverage, allowing consumers to be fully informed about abortion coverage and the surcharges for such coverage on plans sold on the exchanges. While the only solution is a repeal and replacement of many Obamacare provisions, this will provide people with a clearer view of whether their plan pays for abortion.

**Fetal Tissue Research**

In June 2019, continuing the Administration’s efforts to keep the federal government out of the abortion business, HHS announced it will no longer fund new research that uses fetal tissue from aborted babies.

Additionally, HHS and the National Institutes of Health announced they would not renew a major contract with the University of California, San Francisco to fund research using the body parts of aborted babies.

**May 2, 2019**

**President Trump announces final rule on conscience rights
*HHS rulemaking ensures enforcement of existing conscience protection statutes***

WASHINGTON – President Trump today announced a final rule by the Department of Health and Human Services ensuring that protections of the conscience rights of health care providers are enforced. National Right to Life, the federation of state right-to-life affiliates and local chapters welcomed the announcement.

The following may be attributed to National Right to Life President Carol Tobias:

**There are many statutes that would protect the conscience rights of health care workers, such as the Weldon amendment. Unfortunately, the previous administration refused to enforce them and looked the other way when violated.**

**We thank President Trump and his administration for enforcing these laws and protecting health care workers who object to participating in the taking of innocent human life. We applaud the president for following through on another promise.**

June 5, 2019

**NRLC Praises the Trump Administration and Secretary Azar for their Commitment to Advancing Ethical Alternatives to the Use of Fetal Tissue in Research within HHS**

The following statement can be attributed to Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life:

**Today's decision by HHS to no longer allow the use of fetal tissue in internal research reflects the goal of President Trump and his administration to promote respect for all human life. As HHS continues to advocate the use of alternatives to fetal tissue research and review future requests regarding the use of fetal tissue in external research, we know that this president and his administration will continue to do all that they can to ensure protection for the most vulnerable members of society.**

July 16, 2019

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE PRAISES TRUMP ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION ON TITLE X

The following statement can be attributed to Carol Tobias, president of the National Right to Life Committee, in response to immediate enforcement by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) of the Title X rule reinstated by the Trump Administration. The rule states that funds administered under Title X shall not "be used in programs where abortion is a method of family planning."

**"We praise the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for their immediate enforcement of this reasonable policy. This rule makes it very clear that abortion is not a method of family planning. We are very grateful for President Trump and his commitment to protecting innocent unborn babies and preventing taxpayer monies from subsidizing abortion clinics through Title X."**

September 24, 2019

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE PRAISES PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

FOLLOWING HIS REMARKS AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WASHINGTON--Today, National Right to Life praised pro-life President Trump for his remarks at the United Nations General Assembly.

**"We thank and praise President Trump for his continuing leadership on preserving and defending the right to life for all innocent human life,"** stated Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. **"His remarks today at the U.N. General Assembly serve to remind world leaders that abortion is not an international right."**

In what was a first for a sitting U.S. president, President Trump spoke directly at the U.N. about the issue of abortion, saying:

**"Americans will also never tire of defending innocent life. We are aware that many United Nations projects have attempted to assert a global right to taxpayer-funded abortion on demand, right up until the moment of delivery. Global bureaucrats have absolutely no business attacking the sovereignty of nations that wish to protect innocent life. Like many nations here today, we in America believe that every child, born and unborn, is a sacred gift from God."**

**October 1, 2019**

National Right to Life Statement on the Fiscal Year 2019 Title X Grantees

WASHINGTON--Late yesterday, the Office of Population Affairs announced $33.6 million in funds for fiscal year 2019 to 50 current Title X grantees. These funds were made available when certain grantees, including Planned Parenthood, left the Title X program rather than comply with the Protect Life rule issued earlier this year by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The regulations prohibit Title X grantees from providing or referring patients for abortion, or from co-locating abortion facilities with family planning sites. Like all Title X providers, Planned Parenthood had the option to comply with the 2019 Title X Final Rule which faithfully implements the statutes, but chose to drop out of the program.

The funds released by the Department of Health and Human Services will go into communities to organizations that work to improve the health and well being of Americans across the U.S.

“We thank the Trump administration for enforcing the long-standing principle that federal tax dollars not be used to fund or promote the killing of unborn children through abortion.”