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U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator/Representative:

Pro-life advocates will be on Capitol Hill today, encouraging you to cut taxpayer funding of the abortion industry in the budget reconciliation process. The leading abortion business, Planned Parenthood, is also the nation's "second largest provider of hormone therapy" for patients attempting "gender transition."¹ Whereas we and brother bishops wrote in January on multiple matters connected to budget reconciliation that affect the poor and vulnerable,² today we write in particular to affirm our support for stopping taxpayer funding of the abortion and "gender transition" industries.

Necessary, longstanding, and historically bipartisan policies like the Hyde Amendment help prevent public funding for elective abortions themselves. Yet Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the U.S. at over 390,000 preborn children killed per year (about 40% of the total), still receives nearly \$700 million annually – about a third of its revenue – from taxpayers.³ It does so at an increase, in both public funds and abortions, while at the same time *decreasing* many of the other services that it offers and the number of women to whom it offers them.⁴

Another area of increased activity on the part of Planned Parenthood, moreover, has been the promotion of gender ideology to children⁵ and the provision of "gender transition" services. The off-label use of hormones and puberty blockers has proven to be a lucrative billion-dollar business in an ever-growing market.⁶ Planned Parenthood offers "gender transition" services at nearly 450 clinics

¹ See https://www.plannedparenthood.org/uploads/filer_public/db/88/db881467-f6e5-47a3-a6a3-2c7d3ea545e0/gac2.pdf.

² <https://www.usccb.org/resources/letter-congress-budget-reconciliation-package-january-13-2025>.

³ Planned Parenthood Annual Report 2022-2023, at https://cdn.plannedparenthood.org/uploads/filer_public/ec/f4/ecf43d92-fcd2-4d11-b299-e67b5c3ac394/2024-pfa-annualreport-c3-digital.pdf; see also R. Jones et al., "Abortion incidence and service availability in the United States, 2020," *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, 54(4), December 2022, available at <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36404279/>.

⁴ Compare Annual Report 2022-2023, *supra*, with Planned Parenthood Annual Report 2005-2006, available at <https://www.liveaction.org/research/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/2005-2006-Planned-Parenthood-Annual-Report.pdf>.

⁵ Planned Parenthood, "How do I talk with my preschooler about identity?," available at <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/parents/preschool/how-do-i-talk-with-my-preschooler-about-identity>; see also Planned Parenthood, "Teaching Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation," available at <https://sexedtoteachers.thinkific.com/courses/gender>.

⁶ "U.S. Sex Reassignment Hormone Therapy Market Size, Share & Trends Analysis Report By Gender Transition (Male-To-Female, Female-To-Male), By Type (Puberty Blockers, Estrogen), By Distribution Channel, And Segment Forecasts, 2023 – 2030," Grand View Research, available at <https://www.grandviewresearch.com/industry-analysis/us-sex-reassignment-hormone-therapy-market-report>; see also The American Principles Project, "The Gender Industrial Complex," 2024, available at <https://americanprinciplesproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Gender-Industrial-Complex-Full-Report.pdf>.



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across the nation, surpassing the number of its locations that perform abortions.⁷ A regional handbook by Planned Parenthood revealed that “[m]ost of our patients can get a hormone prescription at the end of their first visit with us.”⁸ As the rate of these destructive services has dramatically increased, so too has government funding.⁹

As you consider how to best steward taxpayer resources in the weeks ahead, we call upon you to stop funding abortion and “gender transition” industries that gravely violate human dignity. Instead, we urge you to prioritize the needs of struggling families so they can flourish.

Sincerely,

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Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
Chairman, Committee on Pro-Life
Activities

⁷ J. Block, “How did Planned Parenthood Become One of the Country’s Largest Suppliers of Testosterone?,” *The Free Press*, 2024, available at <https://www.thefp.com/p/how-did-planned-parenthood-become>; see also American Life League, “2021 Planned Parenthood Facilities Report,” 2022, available at https://www.all.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/STOPP_2021_Facilities_FINAL_Aug.pdf.

⁸ Planned Parenthood North Central States, “Gender Affirming Hormone Therapy Patient Handbook,” 2022, available at https://cdn.plannedparenthood.org/uploads/filer_public/f9/36/f9363309-3b58-47e8-b6e6-f7421f7b4172/gaht_health_care_handbook_web.pdf.

⁹ See Block, “How did Planned Parenthood Become One of the Country’s Largest Suppliers of Testosterone?,” *supra*; Planned Parenthood [Internal Slide Presentation] available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H5R67NJ9ilCGMqqvhKcOg1gGNw6YpVtf/view>; Melanie Israel et al., “Don’t Defund Planned Parenthood’s ‘Gender-Affirming Care.’ Defund It,” *The Daily Signal*, 2023, at <https://www.dailysignal.com/2023/08/09/taxpayers-shouldnt-fund-planned-parenthoods-gender-affirming-schemes-heres-why/>. See also and compare Annual Report 2022-2023, *supra*, with Planned Parenthood Annual Report 2016-2017, at https://www.plannedparenthood.org/uploads/filer_public/d4/50/d450c016-a6a9-4455-bf7f-711067db5ff7/20171229_ar16-17_p01_lowres.pdf (where “transgender services” are included among “other procedures” that, collectively, increased more than tenfold).