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Brothers:

Several months ago I sent out information on a legislative initiative called "Positive Alternatives" which did not get out of committee. The purpose of this legislation was to divert some funding away from Planned Parenthood and make the money available to clinics which do not provide or refer to abortions.

We have another opportunity to draw a line in the sand the fight to prevent Planned Parent hood from receiving even more of our tax dollars.

Please read the information from Iowa Right to Life and take action to contact your senator or representative: the message should be no to more money for planned parenthood, no money for healthy families and yes to money for preserving life.

Take time to visit the Iowa Catholic Conference and take action
<http://capwiz.com/iowanascdd/state/main/?state=IA>
to **Support pro-life pregnancy counseling**

Please take a moment to relay this message to all your Knights of Columbus contacts and friends who support the dignity of all human life.

From: "Iowa Right to Life Committee " <committee@irlc.org>

IOWA RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE **April 11, 2008**

Legislative ACTION ALERT--Senate to Debate Funding Family Planning, *i.e.* Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood is working overtime to secure additional tax funding. They have been saturating the state with their deceptive "Healthy Families" radio, T.V. and direct mail ads. Now they are using automated calls to reach their supporters which connect them directly to the State Senate switchboard. They are on a full-steam-ahead mission to get the additional \$1,000,000.00 the Governor promised them to expand their business all over Iowa.

We spoke with Senator Brad Zaun of Polk County who said he fielded 20 calls yesterday, in which he explained to the Planned Parenthood supporters that *he would not be supporting state funds directed to Planned Parenthood*. He also shared with us that one of their callers, in an effort to get his support, said that the

money would help promote "Alternative Lifestyles."

In addition, Senator David Johnson of Sioux County and Representative Matt Whindschitl of Pottawattamie County are stepping up to the plate by proposing an amendment to redirect the \$1,000,000 from the Governor's wish list for Planned Parenthood to Iowa Pregnancy Centers and Maternity Homes that *help* women and teens in crisis pregnancies--a positive way to *truly* promote life and abstinence. This funding is desperately needed for abstinence education around the state.

ACTION: Please take a moment to call your *State Senator* as soon as possible and ask them to support the Johnson Amendment in the Senate Human Services Appropriations Budget.

Express to them that Iowa should invest our tax dollars into preserving life and abstinence education. We need a positive approach rather than funding the controversial abortion industry.

Senate Switchboard: 515.281.3371

If You Do Not Know Who Your Senator or Representative, Click Here:

<http://www.legis.state.ia.us/FindLeg/>

Also, Listen to the Steve Deace Podcast of His Show Yesterday about Planned Parenthood Funding.

Planned Parenthood's Healthy Families media blitz and political hardball has generated WHO radio talk show host Steve Deace to create one of his comical satire commercials outlining the absurdity of what taxpayers are forced to do. Click here to listen to a podcast stream of his show:

Go to "Did We Break the Law" http://www.whoradio.com/cc-common/podcast/single_podcast.html?podcast=deace.xml

Also, here is a partial summary of the tax dollars Planned Parenthood received in 2007:

Tax Funding of Planned Parenthood and Abortions

Medicaid Funds to Iowa Planned Parenthood in 2007: \$5,265,085.85

Other Planned Parenthood Grants and Contributions through the State in 2007: \$347,509.47

(Source: Iowa Department of Administrative Services)

State Funded Abortions by Year: (Source: Department of Human Services)

1998 \$7,504.35

1999 \$1,010.20

2000 \$11,321.49

2001 \$14,138.05

2002 \$7,154.01

2006 \$80,229.00

2007 \$36,308.00

Other Ways Planned Parenthood Will Use Your Tax Dollars:

Next year Planned Parenthood is planning to propose another sex education bill to make comprehensive sex ed mandatory for all schools. Keep in mind their method of education for children is the "**Joe Camel**" approach to Sex Ed.

Example: See www.teenwire.com As you look at their teen site, remember that the goal in teaching sex ed **SHOULD BE** to encourage kids to delay sexuality.

However, the Planned Parenthood teen site does the very opposite. They encourage sexual activity and call it "sex play." They also discourage virginity pledges.

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