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Chairman Tim Derickson
Community & Family Advancement Committee
The Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Derickson:

We at Champaign County Right to Life strongly support House Bill 294, which defunds Planned Parenthood in this State.

Planned Parenthood is the business organization that grew out of Roe v. Wade (1973), a decision that was in effect a law. The decision was based on two false premises, first that the writers of the U.S. Constitution hid beneath the Right to Privacy a right to abortion. There is no historical evidence that the Founding Fathers intended any such thing. Second, that the matter was not one for Congress to decide because the Founding Fathers had already decided.

The decision had four very bad effects: (1) it took away states' rights in this matter; (2) it carried no provision for abortion to remain a private matter, with the result that public funding was soon levied to pay for abortions; (3) it created businesses like Planned Parenthood, an organization that now takes in \$1.05 million daily and \$528 million annually, mostly taxpayer money; (4) it destroyed between 1973 and today about 58 million lives, or one-seventh of the U.S. population.

The recent videos by the Center for Medical Progress show us that the women who go to Planned Parenthood for abortions are deceitfully exploited. They are told that their babies are fetuses and that their body parts are being used for medical research into treatments for various adult diseases and disorders. One can find little to no evidence that these tiny baby parts have resulted in any significant medical advances.

We also know that around 60% of pregnant girls and women are pressured into going for an abortion by a parent or parents, or by a boyfriend or spouse. We believe that these girls and women should be steered toward Crisis Pregnancy Centers, where every kind of help for caring for a newborn is available. The \$528 million annually given to Planned Parenthood could easily grant to each new mother at least \$1,000 for newborn expenses.

Ohio lost over 21,000 children to abortion in 2014. If this figure were childhood deaths by accidents, malnutrition or neglect, it would be completely unacceptable.

Sincerely yours

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