



April 15, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson and Majority Leader Thune,

On behalf of the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) and the millions of Americans we represent, we thank you for your principled and determined efforts to include a one-year prohibition on federal taxpayer funding for abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood in the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act* that was signed into law on July 4, 2025.

Predictably, the abortion industry and its political allies attempted to challenge that authority. Planned Parenthood, joined later in a separate lawsuit filed by New York Attorney General Letitia James and 21 other pro-abortion attorneys general plus Governor Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania, sought to override Congress's clear constitutional power. They ultimately failed at every turn in the courts before withdrawing both lawsuits.

The ACLJ was proud to stand alongside you in that legal fight. We filed seven amicus briefs defending Congressional authority to enact into law the fundamental principle that taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund abortion. Our legal advocacy was grounded in the law. Article I of the Constitution vests the power of the purse in Congress. When Congress exercises that authority to ensure that taxpayer dollars are not used to subsidize abortion, it is acting squarely within its constitutional role and in keeping with decades of bipartisan precedent.

It is now unmistakably clear that Congress has the power to defund abortion providers. As you consider one or more new reconciliation bills in 2026, it is important that you continue to shield taxpayers from funding abortions.

The latest Planned Parenthood annual report underscores exactly why continuing this policy is so necessary. In the last full year of unrestricted federal funding, Planned Parenthood reports it set new records for the number of abortions performed at 435,450, while receiving \$832 million in taxpayer dollars. Even as it expanded its abortion business, it continued to scale back other health services for women. There is no doubt that this is a business model centered on providing abortions.

In fact, the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* to return authority over abortion to the people and their elected representatives created a sobering reality on the ground. The most recent data shows that the abortion industry has adapted quickly, expanding chemical abortions, leveraging mail-order distribution without in-person physician care, and exploiting pro-abortion policies in blue states to drive the number of abortions higher than in prior years.

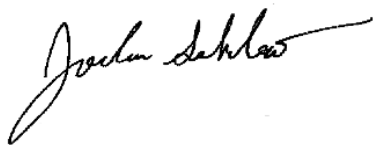
In other words, the abortion industry is relentlessly pursuing its objectives. If we are serious about protecting life, we must match that urgency.

For nearly five decades, the American people—through policies like the Hyde Amendment—have affirmed a clear and consistent principle: taxpayer funding should not be used for abortion. That principle has endured because it reflects both moral conviction and common sense. Americans should not be forced to subsidize the taking of innocent life.

As we mark this Tax Day, we respectfully urge you to reaffirm that commitment. We ask that you do everything in your power to ensure that this prohibition on taxpayer funding for abortion providers is not temporary but continued and strengthened in the years ahead.

We are grateful for your leadership, and we stand ready to continue working with you to defend life, uphold the Constitution, and ensure that America remains a nation that values both freedom and responsibility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan Sekulow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jordan Sekulow  
Executive Director  
American Center for Law and Justice