

Nebraska Right to Life

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THE STATE

NRL MAINTAINS STATE FAIR PRESENCE



GRAND ISLAND

Nebraska Right to Life hosted a booth at the State Fair for the 43rd year, educating attendees in Grand Island. Thank you to all of our volunteers for their efforts.

Clockwise, from top left: Precious Ones soft rubber models of unborn babies at 10-12 weeks are blanketed by volunteers. We gave out close to 2,000 this year. | Jose Ceballos & Ruth Nicolaus are two of the cheery volunteers who man the booth. | Guadalupe & Nubia are Grand Island local pro-lifers we rely on for help. | Families with pregnant Moms are a familiar sight at the NRL Booth.



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SAVE THE DATES!

Nebraska Walk for Life
Saturday, January 27, 2018
Lincoln

National March for Life
Friday, January 19, 2018
Washington, D.C.

TALKING POINTS ON REPEALING THE INDEPENDENT PAYMENT ADVISORY BOARD (IPAB)

From the National Right to Life Committee

- The IPAB is an unelected, unaccountable board tasked with making recommendations to cut Medicare and to suppress private health care for all Americans.
- If IPAB is never seated, or it fails to make required cuts, the Department of Health and Human Services will be required to make the cuts and implement the cuts using so-called “quality and efficiency standards.”
- Doctors, hospitals and other health care providers will be told by Washington just what diagnostic tests and medical care are considered to meet “quality and efficiency standards.”
- Treatment that a doctor and patient deem needed or advisable to save that patient’s life, or preserve or improve the patient’s health, but which runs afoul of the imposed standards will be denied, even if the patient is willing and able to pay for it.
- In effect, there will be one uniform national standard of care, established by Washington bureaucrats and set with a view to limiting what private citizens are allowed to spend on saving their own lives.
- IPAB cuts will decrease access to health care for

patients. This is a form of rationing.

- IPAB has drawn fire from many sides. In a recent letter to members of Congress, more than 600 organizations — representing patients, employers, veterans, minority groups and nearly every sector of American health care — have urged repeal of IPAB. See <https://www.hlc.org/app/uploads/2016/11/2016-Letter-with-Signers1.pdf>.
- Congress must repeal IPAB before it can: 1. harm those who depend upon Medicare and 2. limit private health care spending.
- Please ask your representatives to co-sponsor the bipartisan H.R. 849/S.260 Protecting Seniors Access to Medicare Act of 2017.

ACTION ITEM:

Urge your Republican Members of the Senate and House to ask to bring these bills to the floor.

Sen. Deb Fischer: 202-224-6551
Sen. Ben Sasse: 202-224-4224
Rep. Don Bacon: 202-225-4155
Rep. Jeff Fortenberry: 202-225-4806
Rep. Adrian Smith: 202-225-6435

CONTACT YOUR STATE SENATORS ON PLANNED PARENTHOOD DE-FUNDING VOTE

2018 is an Election Year and half of the Legislature is up for re-election or there are open seats. This is a good time to refresh memories on what happened in the Legislature in May, when a pro-life provision in a budget bill was struck down, with the Legislature essentially voting to keep Planned Parenthood of the Heartland (PPH) at the top of the funding chain for Title X federal family planning dollars.

A vote on May 3rd on AM 1277 to budget bill LB 327 stripped pro-life language that would have provided for a tiered approach to Title X funding. The pro-life language stated that the recipients of Title X funding would first be Federally Qualified Health Centers in the State (of which there are a number, spread across the State and in rural areas), then Community Health Clinics (again, across the State) and in the last position to receive funding, entities such as PPH.

Senator John Stinner (LD 48), Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, ran AM 1277 because he said any pro-life provision in the budget

should be introduced as a stand-alone bill. A number of pro-life Senators agreed with him, not wanting to submit the budget to an extended filibuster by Senator Ernie Chambers, LD11, over the pro-life issue. Unfortunately, the vote on AM 1277 came before Senator Joni Craighead’s (LD 10) AM 1255 vote, which would have addressed concerns about funding for rural health clinics.

Here is how your Senator voted on AM 1277; a Yes vote was a vote to keep Planned Parenthood of the Heartland at the top of those who receive funding. PPH has historically received the majority of Title X funding that comes into Nebraska, and the pro-life language attempted in LB 327 would have changed that.

Please let your Senator respectfully know of your disagreement if he/she voted FOR AM 1277. If they voted AGAINST AM 1277, please thank them. Those who were NV, Not Voting, should also receive a note of disagreement. E-mails are best. To find your Senator’s e-mail go to www.nebraskalegislature.gov.

Vote count for AM 1277, to strike pro-life language (PPH still receives funds)

YES	NO
Baker	Albrecht
Blood	Bostelman
Bolz	Brasch
Chambers	Brewer
Crawford	Briese
Ebke	Clements
Groene	Craighead
Hansen	Erdman
Harr	Geist
Howard	Halloran
Kolowski	Hilgers
Kolterman	Hilkemann
Krist	Kuehn
McCollister	Lindstrom
Morfeld	Linehan
Pansing-Brooks	Lowe
Quick	Murante
Scheer	Smith
Schumacher	Watermeier
Stinner	
Vargas	
Walz	
Wayne	
Williams	
Wishart	
	PRESENT-NOT VOTING
	Friesen
	Hughes
	McDonnell
	Riepe

NEBRASKA PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD PROJECT

It's time again to collect information and photos on all of the pro-life billboards across Nebraska.

From time to time, NRL is asked what is the process to erect a billboard along the State's highways on private property. We have tried to pull together the resources on this from Right to Life Affiliates that have done billboard projects in the past and/or are currently maintaining billboards. Toward that end we would like to survey where billboards are, who is the sponsoring organization and whether they have had to go through any new hoops to keep their billboards going.

If you represent a RTL group, Knights of Columbus or other organization that is currently doing billboards in your County, please fill out this information and return to NRL. We would also appreciate getting a photo(s) sent of your current billboards so that we can post them in a separate album

on the NRL Facebook page for all to see what pro-life billboards are around the State and where they are located.

Thank you for your help with this valuable project. It will help us to approach areas of the State that may not have billboards and could use help in getting them up.

Right now Kansas, South Dakota and Minnesota have many billboards across their States, and we would like to see more up in certain areas.



PRO-LIFE BILLBOARD LOCATIONS

Contact Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Cell Phone

Email

Organization Representing

Organization(s) Sponsoring Billboard(s)

Billboard Location(s): Highways/City/County

Type of Billboard: Vinyl/Painted, Where Purchased

Billboard Leasing Company Used If Not Privately Owned Structure

Please return to Nebraska Right to Life, P.O. Box 80410, Lincoln, NE 68501-0410.
Send Billboard photos to nebraskartl@gmail.com Thank you!

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Both sites are updated daily with video/
links/posts from national and State sources.
Tell your friends and family on these sites
to join the NRL pages.

GET YOUR WILL TO LIVE, PRO-LIFE MEDICAL ADVANCED DIRECTIVE AT WWW.NRLC.ORG

WHAT IS THE WILL TO LIVE ?

The **WILL TO LIVE** is a legal document that you can sign which:

- Is a legally binding pro-life alternative to the traditional Living Wills.
- Names someone to make health care decisions for you (your "health care agent") if you develop a condition that makes it impossible for you to speak for yourself (become "incompetent").
- Makes clear (in the form of written instructions to your health care agent) what medical treatment you would want if you can no longer speak for yourself.

HOW DOES THE WILL TO LIVE PROTECT YOUR LIFE AND THE LIVES OF YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS?

When you are unable to speak for yourself the **WILL TO LIVE:**

- Names someone you trust to safeguard your life when you cannot speak for yourself as your "health care agent."
- Names backup agents if your first choice can't serve.
- Describes the treatment you do and do not want to guide your health care agent and physicians.
- Protects your family and health care agent from pressure from health care providers and others by allowing them to prove what you really did want.
- Relieves the agony of decision-making for them by making your wishes clear.



Nebraska

SUGGESTIONS
FOR PREPARING WILL TO LIVE
DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

*(Please read the document itself before reading this.
It will help you better understand the suggestions.)*