

# STOP TAXPAYER ABORTION

*Save innocent lives!*

## OVERVIEW

### *What:*

Powerful Members of Congress are trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.



### *How:*

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for over 45 years, *saving 2.4 million babies*. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that *both* Democrats and Republicans had supported for nearly half a century.

### *What happens without these protections?*

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

### *How to stop taxpayer-funded abortion:*

Massive number of people contacting their Members of Congress

## WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO CONTACT YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

*(even if you think they won't change their mind!)*

- Your Members are there to serve you, their constituent.
- They need your votes to be re-elected, so they care about what you think.
- **Every single interaction with any constituent of any party** – whether it is a personal email, phone call to their office, or action alert – is **tracked in their office's database**.
- Even if they are pro-choice, they very well may be on the fence about taxpayer-funded abortion. Most Americans,

## 5 WAYS YOU CAN HELP

1. Sign the petition at [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com).
2. Submit the action alert you should have received in your email once you signed the petition. If you don't see your action alert within a few minutes, check your spam folders! Or, if you don't want to wait, you can go directly to [www.bit.ly/no-taxpayer-funding-abortion](http://www.bit.ly/no-taxpayer-funding-abortion).
3. Follow up with your Members of Congress. You can find out who they are and how to contact them personally by going to [www.bit.ly/find-officials](http://www.bit.ly/find-officials) and putting in your mailing address. FYI, your address is not shared with anyone—we just ask for it so we can show you who represents you.
4. Tell your family and friends to do steps 1-3.
5. Raise awareness in your parish. Resources are available at [www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion](http://www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion).

regardless of party, think it is a bad idea. Taxpayer-funded abortion is not a popular, winning issue. Members of Congress know this, but it needs to be reinforced by hearing from their constituents!

- Hearing strong opposition to taxpayer-funded abortion could make them worried about keeping their seats if they vote in favor of it.
- Members of Congress talk to each other. Yours might discuss what they're hearing from you and other constituents with other Members, or even their party's leadership. What they say could make other Members in their party back away from taxpayer-funded abortion.



## WHAT TO SAY TO YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

*(Remember... The squeaky wheel gets the grease, and you catch more flies with honey than vinegar. In other words, be a persistent, positive witness to the cause of life by being courteous and kind.)*

- I'm a constituent of Representative / Senator \_\_\_\_\_.
- Regardless of where one stands on abortion, there's been a long-standing, bipartisan agreement that taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for it.
- I urge Representative / Senator \_\_\_\_\_ to protect the Hyde Amendment and to oppose any bill, including appropriation bills, that expand taxpayer funding of abortion.



## ACTIVATING YOUR PARISH

- Start with prayer.
- Review the ready-to-use tools at [respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion](https://respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion).
- Think creatively about where, how, and who can help get the word out.
- Connect with your pastor (and parish pro-life coordinator if you have one).
- Once permission has been obtained, ACT.

