

Coalition for Women and Children

Eliminate Abortion Funding Backgrounder

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Whereas our STATE BUDGET is in CRISIS, with proposed cuts targeting our school children, seniors, disabled citizens, college students, and working families. If re-directed this \$33 million tax dollars, currently used to pay for 95,000 abortions each year,¹ could fund 900 elementary school teacher salaries.² At current rates, one in three women will experience abortion. This Elective Procedure Harms Women.

Whereas Abortion increases the Risk of Breast Cancer Only a few decades ago, breast cancer was known to be a “grandmother’s disease.” It has become a young woman’s disease, and breast cancer rates have skyrocketed over 40% since this elective surgical procedure was legalized in 1973.³ There is staggering evidence of a link between abortion and breast cancer. Certainly not all women who have breast cancer have had abortions. Also not all women who have had abortions will get breast cancer. Induced abortion is only one of the risk factors for the illness. However, it is the most preventable risk factor for breast cancer. Dr. Janet Daling⁴ reports that women who have had an induced abortion increase their breast cancer risk by 50%. Black women are especially susceptible to this causal link between abortion and breast cancer. Do not contribute to this tragedy with our tax dollars.

Whereas Abortion increases the Risk of Miscarriage, Premature Birth, and Infertility In a recent TIME CNN News article⁵ results from the *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health (JECH)* show that abortion increases the risk of low birth weight in future pregnancies by a factor of three, and of premature birth by a factor of two. The Elliot Institute⁶ and Abort73⁷ list extensive post-abortive complications to which members of our coalition have spoken.

Whereas Abortion increases the Risk of Depression and Suicide There are many organizations that support women who suffer from the painful emotional and psychological regrets of abortion, such as Rachel’s Vineyard⁸ and Silent No More⁹ Abortion is a serious risk to a woman’s mental health and can make her six times more likely to consider committing suicide¹⁰ than women who carry their baby to term. There are also more psychiatric admissions and suicides among women who have had abortions when compared to those who gave birth, including depression, addictions to alcohol or drugs, sleep disorders, and suicidal ideology.

¹ <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/dataandstats/statistics/Pages/MediCalFundedInducedAbortions.aspx>

² <http://www.edsource.org/pdf/TeachersCompFinal.pdf>

³ <http://www.abortionbreastcancer.com/abc.html>

⁴ <http://www.etters.net/cancerTP.htm>

⁵ <http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1695927,00.html>

⁶ http://www.abortionfacts.com/reardon/effect_of_abortion.asp

⁷ <http://www.abort73.com/HTML/I-G-1b-complications.html>

⁸ <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/aboutus/ourstory.htm>

⁹ <http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/testimonies/index.html>

¹⁰ <http://www.lifenews.com/int317.html>

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The abortion industry does NOT NEED our tax dollars. While we are experiencing a budget deficit, the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, reported \$114.8 million in profit and \$1.12 billion in total assets,¹¹ while enjoying \$336.7 million in government grants and contracts. President Cecile Richards receives nearly \$1 million in annual salary while our teachers are being laid off and thousands of families go without healthcare.¹²

The abortion industry does NOT DESERVE our tax dollars. Planned Parenthood strives to be viewed as serving the women and minorities of our state, yet their roots go back to their founder, Margaret Sanger, a published eugenicist. This organization has not left these racist roots in the past.

In 2008, Planned Parenthood was recorded eagerly welcoming donations specifying killing black babies.¹³ While Planned Parenthood acknowledged this "employee mistake," (made by senior employees) no-one was fired. Californians need not do business with racist organizations. Nearly one third of all abortions are performed on African American women, while they represent only 7% of the US population.¹⁴ Nearly 50% of all pregnancies among black women end in abortion.¹⁵

In California, the impact on our Hispanic families is especially devastating, with 43% of the Medi-Cal abortions done on Hispanic women.

In a recent LA Times article, California Planned Parenthood affiliates allegedly over-charged our state by at least \$180 million dollars.¹⁶ According to Victor Gonzalez, former vice president of finance and administration of the Los Angeles Planned Parenthood, they bought contraceptives at a discounted rate and then billed the state Medi-Cal program for 12 or more times the purchase price. An audit of the San Diego/Riverside Planned Parenthood clinic found \$5 million in over billing charges in just two years.¹⁷ Very clearly, Planned Parenthood does not deserve our hard-earned taxpayer dollars!

We Therefore Request that California State Legislators Eliminate Abortion Funding from the 2008-2009 State Budget. The \$33 million dollars spent annually on this elective procedure can be used to better serve our citizens, especially the women and children of this great state.

¹¹ http://www.plannedparenthood.org/files/AR_2007

¹² <http://washingtontimes.com/article/20080326/EDITORIAL/56955754/1013>

¹³ <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/new.php?n=11933>

¹⁴ <http://www.BlackGenocide.org>

¹⁵ <http://calcatholic.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?id=5e1b1e1e-1f9e-40ee-abe2-9f6a0997c724>

¹⁶ <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-billing8mar08,0,4901401.story>

¹⁷ <http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/printerfriendly.html?articleid=08031106>