

Coalition for Women and Children

Eliminate Abortion Funding Talking Points

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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, these \$33 million tax dollars, used to pay for 95,000 abortions each year, could fund 900 elementary school teacher salaries.

Whereas the abortion industry does NOT NEED our tax dollars. As California experiences 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, and enjoyed \$336.7 million in government grants and contracts. Cecile Richards, president of this non-profit, receives nearly \$1 million in annual compensation while our teachers are laid off and thousands of our families go without healthcare.

Whereas 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. 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.

The impact on Hispanic families is especially devastating, with 43% of the Medi-Cal abortions done on Hispanic women, not counting the 50% of all abortions done without indication of the mother's race.

California Planned Parenthood affiliates are alleged to have over-charged our state by at least \$180 million, purchasing contraceptives at a discounted rate and then billing the state Medi-Cal program for 12 or more times the purchase price. San Diego/Riverside Planned Parenthood over billed our state by \$5 million.

Whereas abortion is a PRIVATE DECISION, it should not be funded with our tax dollars. Abortion is an elective procedure which, while legal, does not cure a life threatening disease or disorder. It is a choice that some make, and others abhor. Many life saving, life changing medical procedures are not as fully covered by tax dollars. Abortion neither needs nor deserves this special treatment.

Whereas Abortion HARMS WOMEN. Abortion is an elective procedure that at current rates will affect one in three women. In addition to killing her child, Abortion harms women in the following ways:

- Abortion increases the Risk of Breast Cancer, as demonstrated by exhaustive studies
- Abortion increases the Risk of subsequent Miscarriage, Premature Birth, and Infertility
- Abortion increases the Risk of Depression and Suicide

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 better serve our state, especially the women and children citizens of this great state.