

LIFE COMMITTEE

Resolution in Support of the Republican Party Platform on Protecting Unborn Life – Sponsored by Rep. John McCravy (SC), Rep. Mary Bentley (AR), Sen. Dennis Baxley (FL), and Rep. Sarah Vance (AK)

Whereas, the Republican National Committee's (RNC) platform is a comprehensive 66-page document that articulates the Party's positions on numerous issues, including abortion, marriage, police reform, the Federal Reserve, technology, and the environment.

Whereas, the platform committee consists of one man and one woman from every U.S. state and territory, ensuring a representative and diverse body.

Whereas, in 2020, for the first time in over 150 years, the RNC made no adjustments to the 2016 platform, maintaining its comprehensive stance on key issues.

Whereas, the current platform mentions "abortion" 35 times, reflecting the Party's firm opposition to the use of federal funds for performing or promoting abortions and support for states' rights to ban abortion providers from federal programs like Medicaid.

Whereas, the platform states, "The Democratic Party is extreme on abortion," emphasizing the Democrats' support for nearly unrestricted abortion access and opposition to basic restrictions, which contrasts sharply with the views of the American public.

Whereas, abortion has become a dominant electoral issue since the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* in 2022.

Be It Resolved, the National Association of Christian Lawmakers supports any policy that moves the United States closer to protecting the life of every baby from the moment of conception.

Be It Further Resolved, NACL supports the Republican Party's assertion of the sanctity of human life and affirms that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life that cannot be infringed. We endorse a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation clarifying that the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to children before birth.

Be It Further Resolved, we oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, such as Planned Parenthood, that provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts. We urge all states and Congress to criminalize the acquisition, transfer, or sale of fetal tissues from elective abortions for research purposes, and we call on Congress to enact a ban on the sale of fetal body parts. We will not fund or subsidize healthcare that includes abortion coverage.

Be It Further Resolved, we support the appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. We oppose the non-consensual withholding or withdrawal of care or treatment, including food and water, from individuals with disabilities, newborns, the elderly, or the infirm, just as we oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide. We oppose embryonic stem cell research and federal funding of such research. We call for a ban on human cloning.

Be It Further Resolved, we affirm our moral obligation to assist, rather than penalize, women facing unplanned pregnancies. To encourage these women to choose life, we support legislation requiring both parents to share financial responsibility for the child from conception until adulthood. We celebrate and support the millions of Americans who provide counseling, medical services, and adoption assistance to empower women experiencing unintended pregnancies to choose life.

Be It Further Resolved, we applaud the efforts of the U.S. House of Representatives to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which imposes penalties on healthcare providers who fail to treat infants who survive abortion. We also support state and federal efforts to ban sex-selection abortions and abortions based on disabilities, and we urge the restoration of the national placental stem cell bank.

Be It Further Resolved, the National Association of Christian Lawmakers condemns the Democratic Party's extreme stance on abortion, which includes

opposition to abortion clinic safety procedures, support for taxpayer-funded abortions, and rejection of pregnancy resource centers. We are proud to be aligned on policy with a party that protects human life and offers real solutions for women, affirming the inalienable right to life as endowed by our Creator and guaranteed by the Constitution.

Be It Finally Resolved, the National Association of Christian Lawmakers urges that the protection of unborn life be maintained in its current form within the Republican Party platform or be further strengthened to ensure the continued defense of the most vulnerable among us from the moment of conception.

Adopted by the Executive Committee of the National Association of Christian Lawmakers on the 8th day of June 2024.

About the National Association of Christian Lawmakers:

The National Association of Christian Lawmakers (NACL) is dedicated to uniting federal, state, and local lawmakers in support of clear biblical principles. Through regular meetings, NACL members discuss important policy issues and propose model statutes, ordinances, and resolutions that address major policy concerns from a biblical worldview. Since its inception in 2020, the NACL has members and supporters across all 50 states and Puerto Rico. As the first formally organized national association of Christian lawmakers in American history, NACL remains committed to its mission.

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