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National Association of Christian Lawmakers Releases Resolutions in Support of Life and Traditional Marriage Ahead of RNC Party Platform Meeting

The National Association of Christian Lawmakers recently hosted their 2024 National Policy Conference at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA and unanimously adopted resolutions urging RNC delegates to protect the pro-life and traditional marriage planks of the Republican Party Platform.

Conway,AR, July 5, 2024 – The National Association of Christian Lawmakers (NACL) proudly announced the successful conclusion of its highly anticipated 2024 National Policy Conference, held at the picturesque Liberty University campus in Lynchburg, VA, June 6-8, 2024. This significant event convened esteemed speakers, elected officials, and thought leaders from across the United States to share insights and expertise on critical issues affecting Christian lawmakers and the nation. The NACL unanimously adopted resolutions urging delegates to the Republican National Convention to protect the lives of unborn children and traditional marriage between one man and one woman in the Republican Party Platform.

"The NACL is a not a partisan association, but we are legitimately concerned about efforts to undermine and weaken the Republican Party in the United States by removing strong language in support of life and marriage in the party platform," said <u>Rep. Mary Bentley (AR)</u> who serves as the chair of the NACL National Legislative Council. Bentley is a Republican state representative in Arkansas who co-sponsored the <u>Arkansas Human Life Protection Act of 2019</u> with NACL founder and president Jason Rapert who served in the Arkansas Senate from 2011 to 2023. Now known as Act 180 of 2019, their legislation was triggered in 2022 when Roe v. Wade was overturned in the Dobbs decision and bans all abortion procedures in Arkansas except to save the life of a mother in a medical emergency. <u>Jason Rapert</u> said, "I am shocked and saddened to know anyone in a position of power in the Republican Party would be so foolish as to attack these two important pillars of conservative policy. NACL members around the country, many of whom are also Republican elected officials, believe weakening the party platform on pro-life values and traditional marriage would be disastrous for the Republican Party and cause unnecessary division at a time when we need all conservatives to be united in our nation." <u>Rapert</u> <u>sponsored the very first heartbeat bill to be passed into law in our nation on March 6, 2013</u> in Arkansas. He has been a champion of Christian conservative viewpoints in the public square throughout this service as an elected official and during his leadership of the NACL.

<u>Rep. John McCravy (SC)</u> serves as the NACL state chair for the state of South Carolina and has been widely recognized for his pro-life advocacy throughout the country as sponsor of the South Carolina heartbeat bill and leadership within the South Carolina Family Caucus. "When we heard there was an organized effort to whitewash the GOP platform on the issues of life and marriage, we could hardly believe it. Many legislators in our nation chose to run as Republicans specifically because the Republican Party has embraced Christians who have found no home in the Democrat Party for their beliefs in the Bible and Christian values. I sincerely pray that RNC delegates will not surrender on these important principles," said McCravy. Rep. McCravy also serves as an officer of the NACL National Legislative Council.

<u>Rep. Sarah Vance (AK)</u> has also been a conservative champion in her home state of Alaska. "As a wife, mother, and Republican state legislator, I urge RNC delegates to fight to protect the lives of unborn children and traditional marriage which have been important planks of the Republican party platform for decades. American families must have at least one political party committed to doing the right thing for the sake of our children and grandchildren," said Vance. Rep. Sarah Vance is the NACL state chair for Alaska and serves as an officer on the NACL National Legislative Council.

<u>Sen. Dennis Baxley (FL)</u> has been a family values champion throughout his entire career in the Florida legislature sponsoring many bills to protect the life of unborn children and promote traditional marriage. "I stand united with the members of the NACL and ask every RNC delegate to fight to protect life and marriage in the Republican Party Platform. The woke agenda in our nation has attacked every aspect of normalcy and decency in our country. The Republican Party is the only political party that has withstood the culture war against family values so far and I sincerely hope that it continues to do so," said Baxley. Sen. Baxley is the NACL state chair for Florida and serves as an officer on the NACL National Legislative Council.

The NACL is frequently recognized in national publications for its ties to leading Christian spiritual and political figures across the United States and is the only operational faith-based para-legislative organization in the country. Members of the NACL sign a pledge to protect the lives of unborn children and promote traditional marriage between one man and one woman when they join the organization.

About the National Association of Christian Lawmakers (NACL):

The mission of the National Association of Christian Lawmakers (NACL) is to unite federal, state, and local lawmakers in support of clear biblical principles by meeting regularly to discuss major issues, and propose model statutes, ordinances, and resolutions to address significant policy concerns from a biblical worldview. Since its inaugural meeting in 2020, the NACL has established 35 state chairs and has garnered members and supporters in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. NACL is the first formal national association of Christian lawmakers in American history.

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