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Mike Kelly's October Third District E-Newsletter

Dear Friend,

There are few causes closer to my heart than defending the right to life. After all, our nation was founded on the belief that every man and woman has the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, which form the moral bedrock of our great republic.

If we fail to protect these basic and formative rights, then we fail to uphold the very dignity inherent in us all.

In recognition of Respect Life Month, I want to highlight some of the efforts I've made to honor my commitment to defend life while representing the Third District of Pennsylvania.

Whether marching alongside tens of thousands of Americans during the annual March for Life event, sponsoring legislation that would prevent taxpayer dollars from funding abortion, here at home and overseas, or meeting with pro-life groups within the district, I have worked to advance the pro-life cause, in both word and deed, and will

continue to do so throughout my time in Congress.

Sincerely,

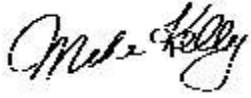


Photo: Rep. Mike Kelly attends the Crawford County Pro- Life Dinner on October 28

The Protect Life Act, Co-Sponsored by Representative Kelly, Passes the House

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, has loopholes in it that could result in the use of taxpayer dollars to subsidize abortion.

We know that this is true because in a last- ditch effort to get reluctant pro-life Democrats to support President Obama's signature health care legislation, the president agreed to sign an Executive Order prohibiting the use of federal funds for abortion.

However, the problem with the Executive Order is that it has no teeth; the order can be rescinded by this or any future president with the mere stroke of a pen.

To ensure that federal dollars do not go toward the funding of abortion, Representative Kelly co-sponsored and voted in support of the Protect Life Act (H.R. 358), which passed the House on October 13 with bi-partisan

support by a vote of 251 to 172.

The Protect Life Act will not only amend Obamacare to statutorily prevent federal funding of abortion or abortion coverage, with exceptions in cases of rape, incest, and when the life of the mother is at stake; it will also strengthen conscience protections for health care professionals who are morally opposed to abortion. By enforcing stronger restrictions against taxpayer-subsidized abortions, the Protect Life Act will not only protect Americans' religious liberties, but will also honor the will of the American people, a majority of whom are against publicly-funded abortions.



Photo: Rep. and Mrs. Kelly with their granddaughter at the 2011 National March for Life

Representative Kelly Sends Letter to the Obama Administration Demanding an End to Controversial Contraceptive Mandate

This fall, Rep. Kelly sent a letter to the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, calling on her to rescind a new federal mandate requiring all health insurance plans to cover contraceptives, including those commonly referred to as "emergency contraception."

As part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the mandate would force employers to cover FDA-approved emergency contraception such as the highly controversial drug ulipristal acetate (ella), which shares the relevant chemical properties of the abortion drug mifepristone (RU-486). Ella has also been found to be

embryotoxic in animal studies, functioning as a progesterone receptor blocker that can prevent a newly conceived human being, post-fertilization, from implanting in the uterine lining.

This mandate forces an organization, such as Catholic Charities in Pittsburgh, to provide coverage for drugs that it considers morally objectionable and that violate the very tenets of its faith. While there is an exemption within the mandate, it is narrowly defined, and fails to protect a number of faith-based organizations. As a result, religious employers have to either provide health insurance coverage that is inimical to their basic religious beliefs; to stop providing coverage to their employees; or, in some cases, to close their doors to the communities they serve.

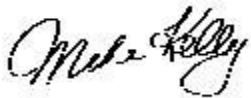
The mandate will take effect in August 2012.

To view a copy of the letter, please click [here](#).

To view a complete list of pro-life legislation that I have sponsored or supported, please click [here](#).

Remembering our Soldiers

On October 29, 13 U.S. soldiers were killed in a suicide bombing in Afghanistan in one of the worst single-day losses of life since the war began. May God bless and keep them, and bring comfort to their families and friends as they grieve their tremendous loss.



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