President Barack Obama is desperately trying to cover up the fact that he voted repeatedly against a law that would have provided legal protection for babies who are born alive after abortions.

As an Illinois state senator, Obama had been a leading opponent in 2001, 2002, and 2003 of the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, a proposed state bill to recognize any baby who is completely expelled from the mother, and showing signs of life, as a legal person.

Since the time he ran for the U.S. Senate in 2004, Obama had claimed that the state bill he opposed had contained language to undermine legal abortion, which he strongly supports — but he insisted that he would have voted for the federal version of the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, if he had been a member of Congress in 2003.

Obama has now shifted arguments, claiming that an old Illinois law already required medical care for infants born alive during abortions. But that law only protected babies that abortionists declared had reached the point where they could survive long term, sometimes referred to as viability, and it left the decision about this up to the abortionist.

In a “white paper” issued on August 28, National Right to Life Legislative Director Douglas Johnson and Legislative Counsel Susan Musket concluded, “Obama’s words and action support this conclusion: He clearly committed to defend the practice of abortion without qualification so absolute that it led him to reflexively view the issue of babies born alive during abortions through the prism of his concept of Roe v. Wade, and worse, to conclude that a breathing, squirming, fully born pre-viable human baby is still covered by Roe v. Wade. Once he realized how difficult his position was to defend, he moved outside the halls of the Illinois Senate, he began to misrepresent his record.”

For more information on this issue, see www.nrlc.org.

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We firmly believe in the value of life including care for infants with disabilities in education, employment, the justice system, and civic participation. In keeping with that commitment, we oppose the non-consensual withholding of care or treatment from people with disabilities, as well as the elderly and infirm, just as we oppose euthanasia and assisted suicide, which endanger especially those on the margins of society.

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Because we believe in the privacy and equality of women, we stand proudly for a woman’s right to choose, consistent with Roe v. Wade, and regardless of her ability to pay. We stand firmly against Republican efforts to undermine that right. At the same time, we strongly support family planning and adoption incentives. Abortion should be safe, legal, and rare.

Democrat Barack Obama addresses Planned Parenthood.

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National Right to Life Council

The National Right to Life Council (NRLC) is a Christian coalition which acknowledges Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and works to encourage every Christian to support the Biblical standard of the value, dignity and sanctity of human life, and to foster ministry to those vulnerable to the violence of abortion or euthanasia.

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