WASHINGTON – National Right to Life, the nation’s largest pro-life organization, applauded U.S. Senate approval late yesterday of H.R. 3762, a bill that will block approximately 89% of all federal funding to Planned Parenthood – about $400 million in the next year.

“Thanks to many weeks of hard skillful work by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), and the Senate Republican Leadership to execute a filibuster-proof strategy, and an outpouring of support from the grassroots pro-life movement, the Senate has for the first time passed legislation that will defund Planned Parenthood,” said Carol Tobias, National Right to Life President.

“Planned Parenthood now commands over one-third of the total abortion ‘market’ and pays its chief executive over a half-million dollars annually — it’s past time to cut off the taxpayer goodies.”

National Right to Life praised Republican presidential contenders Marco Rubio (Fla.), Rand Paul (Ky.), Lindsey Graham (S.C.), and Ted Cruz (Texas) for voting for passage of the bill.

“On final passage, the bill had the support of all but two Republicans – including support from all of those seeking the presidency — but not a single Democrat,” said Douglas Johnson, legislative director for National Right to Life. “While this bill faces the implacable opposition of President Barack Obama, it blazes a trail that can be followed to victory in the future – once we have a pro-life president.”

The bill would close the largest pipeline for federal funding of Planned Parenthood, Medicaid, and apply as well to the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the Title V and Title XX block grant programs. These sources account for roughly 89% of all federal funds that currently flow to Planned Parenthood.

Under the bill, the amounts denied to Planned Parenthood are reallocated to community health centers.

Planned Parenthood is the nation’s largest provider of abortions – at least one-third of all abortions in the U.S. are performed at Planned Parenthood-affiliated facilities. According to their most recent annual report, Planned Parenthood received at least $528 million annually from the federal government or state and local governments. Based on data from their own annual report from 2013-2014, nearly one in eight women walking through the door of a Planned Parenthood clinic has an abortion.
A Peaceful Death? Think Again.

Doctor-Prescribed Suicide will be a major issue under consideration in state legislatures this year. It is already legal in Oregon, Washington, Vermont, and now California. **Every state is at risk for this legislation.** Some of the most at-risk states are: Delaware, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

Contact your legislators to speak out about this atrocity, and most of all, VOTE PRO-LIFE!

MYTH: People won’t feel cost pressures to seek inexpensive suicide drugs

FACT: Insurers have and continue to deny life-saving medical treatment and cover cheap lethal drugs where assisting suicide is legal:

- Barbara Wagner, an Oregon resident, was seeking a cancer treatment from her state health care plan. Astoundingly, she was sent a letter from the Department of Health telling her that her plan would not cover her cancer drugs (about $4,000 a month) but reminding her that she had the option to kill herself with a suicide prescription (about $100), for which the Department would pay. She was not the only resident to receive such a letter. (ABC News)

MYTH: There are protections against abuse.

FACT: There is no requirement for a witness at the time of death:

- An abusive relative or caregiver can pick up the lethal drugs and administer them without the patient’s knowledge or consent since there is no oversight and no witnesses are required once the lethal drugs leave the pharmacy.

MYTH: Only competent people can ask for lethal drugs

FACT: There is nothing in the law to protect those with mental illness:

- A major state paper, *The Oregonian*, has documented that many patients suffering from depression and dementia are receiving doctor prescribed suicide.

Death with Dignity: Maggie Karner, R.I.P.

Nineteen days before she committed “assisted” suicide on November 1, 2014, Brittany Maynard recorded a video demanding that California legislators endorse assisted suicide—an enormous public relations coup for Compassion & Choices (formerly The Hemlock Society). Maggie Karner, who, like Brittany, suffered from a deadly brain cancer, posted a YouTube video two days before Brittany’s death, encouraging Brittany to choose life for as long as she could.

Following her valiant fight with this deteriorative disease, Dr. Margaret Ann “Maggie” Karner passed away Friday at the Connecticut Hospice in Branford on Friday, September 25, 2015. She is survived by her husband and three daughters. Maggie was a tireless advocate of life, even before her diagnosis. Dr. Karner was awarded an honorary doctorate from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Maggie also enjoyed music, especially jazz, and was an accomplished vocalist and musician.

Maggie explained her stance on life in an article for *The Federalist* in October of 2014, “Right now, I have the firm support of the state and my fellow citizens in my desire to live — no matter the cost or burden. If that were to change, the tiny knowledge that I might be straining my family, friends, doctors or community resources unnecessarily would be a heavy burden. The constant “option” for suicide would wear at my resolve and I fear, become an unspoken “duty” for me and others.”

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Yes, I would like to become an Associate Member of the National Pro-Life Religious Council, Inc.

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I would like to make a tax deductible donation of $_______ to help NPRC with its important work.

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MAY WE NEVER FORGET THAT FREEDOM IS NOT FREE
Many years have passed since these incidents occurred, and we can easily see them only as historical events. But are they? Our persecuted brothers and sisters still cry out to us in great suffering. **Each month over 300 Christians are killed for their faith, hundreds of churches and Christian properties are destroyed, and more than 700 forms of violence (such as beatings, abductions, rapes, arrests, and forced marriages) are committed against Christians.** We have seen pictures and videos of Christians being beheaded or burned for their faith in Christ. We have seen young girls being taken in chains to live lives of slavery in a most degrading way. Their suffering and blood cry out to us. How do we respond?

The Word of God tells us to “remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering” (Hebrews 13:3). Furthermore, St. Paul explains that we are one body: “If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.” (1 Cor 12:26).

One great and glorious paradox is that as we share in another’s sufferings and do what we can to aid them, we ourselves receive benefit. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has said, “[Solidarity] means we are conscious that when we give we receive…. ” (The Church, “Eucharist, Communion, and Solidarity) We get a glimpse into the meaning of St. Peter’s words, which capture the paradoxical reality of solidarity founded in love: “Rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you” (1 Peter 4:13-14).

Yet this kind of love runs contrary to human impulse. Frankly, it is easier to respond as the loud-singing churchgoers. Yet we know what is right and good. We know what the Word of God urges us to do, and so most of us find ourselves somewhere along the spectrum between singing louder and embracing a deep sense of solidarity.

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**Suffering with Our Christian Brothers**

Please log on to [SingLouderMovie.com](http://SingLouderMovie.com) and watch the powerful film and find out how you can help.

Sing a Little Louder was produced by Catholic Witnesses, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that encourages Christians to promote and defend non-negotiable principles, drawing inspiration and courage from Jesus Christ in order to spread His truth and love to a world in need of Him.” (www.catholicwitnesses.org)

The Holocaust, The Netherlands, 1940s...

* A railroad track ran behind our small church, and each Sunday morning we would hear the whistle from a distance and then the clacking of the wheels moving over the track. We became disturbed when one Sunday we noticed cries coming from the train as it passed by. The congregation by the tracks painfully realized that the cries were coming from the Jewish people being hauled mercilessly to concentration camps. “It was so terribly disturbing! We could do nothing to help these poor miserable people, yet their screams tormented us,” recalled the Dutch man. We knew exactly at what time that whistle would blow, and we decided the only way to keep from being so disturbed by the cries was to start singing our hymns. By the time that train came rumbling past the churchyard, we were singing at the top of our voices. If some of the screams reached our ears, we’d just sing a little louder until we could hear them no more. Years have passed and no one talks about it much anymore, but I still hear that train whistle in my sleep. I can still hear them crying out for help. (Lea, Penny, Sing a Little Louder)
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