

*"I came so that
they might
have life and
have it more
abundantly."*

John 10:10

ADVOCACY ALERT

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URGENT ALERT FROM THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR A HUMAN LIFE AMENDMENT *Uphold Longstanding Law Against Military Abortions*

Current law states that military health care facilities may not be used to perform elective abortions. This policy was first established administratively in 1988. President Clinton reversed the policy in 1993 but Congress restored it in 1995, and it has remained intact ever since. Now an attempt is being made to repeal this longstanding policy. An amendment by Sen. Roland Burris (D-IL) to strike this provision from law was approved during committee consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (S. 3280).

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Chairman of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, urged that the authorization bill not be approved "until the original version of 10 U.S.C. §1093 is restored." He said it is not the task of the federal government "to directly promote and facilitate elective abortions," and the longstanding ban on use of these facilities for abortion should be maintained.

The House has already passed its version of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (H.R. 5136), without changing the longstanding military abortion policy.

For the NCHLA's Fact Sheet on this issue, go to:
<http://nchla.org/datasource/ifactsheets/MilAbtPol.pdf>

ACTION: Please contact our two U.S. Senators

- To send a pre-written, instant e-mail to both Texas' Senators, go to <http://actions.nchla.org/Core.aspx?AID=970&APP=GAC&IssueID=22397&SiteID=-1> . You can add personal comments if you wish to do so.
- Call the Texas Senators through the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121. Or contact their Austin office: Sen. Cornyn's local number is: 512-469-6034; Sen. Hutchison's local number is: 512-916-5834

MESSAGE: "Please do not approve the defense authorization bill until the Burris Amendment is reversed and current law on military abortions is upheld."

WHEN: It is anticipated the Senate will consider S. 3280 after the July 4 recess, which is from July 4 - 9. Please act today!

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