

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

John 10:10

# ADVOCACY ALERT

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### **Support "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act"**

For many years Congress has supported the policy that federal tax dollars should not be used for elective abortions. To maintain this policy many provisions must be renewed in law each year as part of the various annual appropriations bills. The time is overdue to establish this policy in permanent law in a consistent way. To this end, Reps. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Dan Lipinski (D-IL) introduced the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 5939).

On Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, urged Representatives to cosponsor the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act" (See: [www.usccb.org/prolife/DiNardo-HR5939.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/prolife/DiNardo-HR5939.pdf)). The bill already enjoys strong bipartisan support, having 167 sponsors as of this date. Of the seven U.S. Congressmen representing districts within the boundaries of the Diocese of Austin, five have already committed to cosponsoring H.R. 5939:

Dist. 6, Rep. Joe Barton: Cosponsor	Dist. 21, Rep. Lamar Smith: Cosponsor
Dist. 10, Rep. Michael McCaul: Cosponsor	Dist. 25, Rep. Lloyd Doggett
Dist. 11, Rep. Michael Conaway: Cosponsor	Dist. 31, Rep. John Carter: Cosponsor
Dist. 17, Rep. Chet Edwards	

Your action is needed to let your Representative know the importance we place on the passage of this bill. In addition to the action below, you are encouraged to forward this alert to others living in Central Texas, urging them to also contact their U.S. Representative regarding this critical legislation.

#### **ACTION:**

- 1) If your U.S. Representative **has not committed** to cosponsoring H.R. 5939:
  - Contact him through the U.S. Capitol switchboard: 202-224-3121
  - Send an e-mail requesting his commitment to cosponsor H.R. 5939. For a pre-written instant e-mail go to: [www.nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=284](http://www.nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=284).
  - For contact info for your Representative's local office go to his website at: [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov).

#### **Message:**

"Please cosponsor H.R. 5939. This bill will ensure that taxpayer dollars are not used to pay for elective abortions in any federal program."

or

- 2) If your U.S. Representative **has committed** to being a cosponsor, thank him for his commitment to H.R. 5939. For contact info go to: [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

**For more information on Pro-Life Legislative Advocacy  
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