

URGENT: Stop the FOCA!

This newsletter helps you make one contact a month to policy-makers to protect innocent human lives.



Summary

This month we ask you to contact President-elect Barack Obama, Texas' two U.S. Senators, and your U.S. Representative to oppose the so-called Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), a radical bill that would reverse the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, and invalidate Texas' pro-life laws including our parental consent, informed consent, and conscience laws. It would even require tax funding for abortion-on-demand.

Background

President-elect Barack Obama has declared that, "The first thing I'd do as president is sign the Freedom of Choice Act," when he spoke at a Planned Parenthood conference.

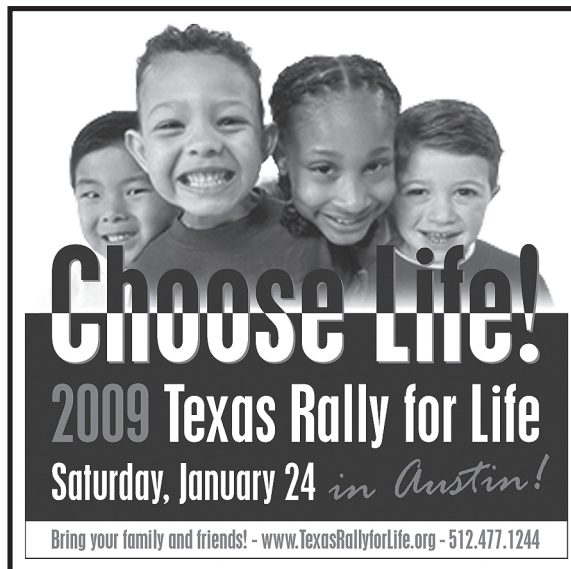
The FOCA turns back the clock 35 years to when *Roe v. Wade* was the controlling precedent for abortion and there were no state or federal limits on abortion.

The FOCA would strike down every law that interferes with abortion. Virtually all the legislative and courtroom victories of the pro-life movement would be wiped out.

The FOCA even goes beyond *Roe v. Wade* by requiring states to fund abortion with tax dollars. A unanimous Texas Supreme Court rejected abortion funding when a group of abortion providers tried to force Texas to fund abortion on demand. Texas Alliance for Life fought this attempt in every Texas court where the argument was made.

The FOCA would also strike down Texas' parental consent and notification laws. These laws have saved thousands of lives by giving parents the right to be involved if a physician wants to perform an abortion on their minor daughter. It took years to get these passed.

Texas has an informed consent statute that requires abortion providers to make available to women seeking abortions factual information about unborn children and alternatives to abortion. This law was another hard



fought legislative victory. The FOCA would strike down Texas' informed consent law and deny women the information they deserve before deciding to have an abortion.

Please write! Just a few minutes of your time could be critical to stopping this terrible bill before it becomes law.

See the enclosed sheet with contact information for President-elect Barack Obama, U.S. Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn, and your U.S. Representative.

Here is a sample letter. Please use your own words.

Dear _____,

I ask you to strongly oppose the so-called Freedom of Choice Act. This bill seeks to expand Roe v. Wade. This radical bill would make abortion-on-demand our nation's policy. It would strike down Texas statutes such as parental consent laws that give parents an opportunity to help their young daughters who are faced with crisis pregnancies. It would require me to fund abortion with my tax dollars. Please publicly oppose this bill.