



National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, Inc.

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TO: Diocesan Pro-Life Directors, State Catholic Conference Directors, Friends

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Alert to Uphold Current Military Abortion Policy

An attempt is now being made to repeal the longstanding policy that military health care facilities may not be used to perform elective abortions (10 U.S. Code Sec. 1093(b)). During markup of the defense authorization bill for FY 2011 (S. 3280), Sen. Roland Burris (D-IL) offered an amendment to strike this policy from current law. On May 27, the committee approved this amendment, 15-yes, 12-no. For a description of the vote, see: nchla.org/datasource/idocuments/6Burris8a.10.pdf.

S. 3280 is expected to be on the Senate floor *after the July 4 recess*, which takes place during the week of July 4-9.

An Action Alert has been issued on this matter. See: nchla.org/actiondisplay.asp?ID=283. Constituents are urged to contact their two U.S. Senators in opposition to the Burris Amendment. E-mail messages can be sent through NCHLA's Grassroots Action Center. Please do what you can to implement this Action Alert without delay!

Senators will be in their home states during the July 4 recess. Be alert to opportunities to meet with your Senators at this time.

Both the Most Reverend Timothy Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, and Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Chairman of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, have sent letters to the U.S. Senate, urging that the defense authorization bill not be approved until the Burris Amendment is reversed and the current law upheld. For texts of these letters, see: nchla.org/docdisplay.asp?ID=339 and nchla.org/datasource/idocuments/CardinalDiNardoMilitaryLetter.pdf.

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