



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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No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act

On July 29, Reps. Chris Smith (R-NJ) and Dan Lipinski (D-IL) introduced the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R. 5939).

For many years Congress has supported the policy that federal tax dollars should not be used for elective abortions. Many provisions must be renewed in law each year as part of the various annual appropriations bills to maintain this policy. The Smith/Lipinski bill would establish this policy in permanent law in a consistent way. As of the date of this alert, the bill already has 167 total sponsors, enjoying strong bipartisan support.

NCHLA has issued an Action Alert, urging Representatives who have not already done so to co-sponsor H.R. 5939. Click [here](#) for a copy of the Alert. As applicable, please do what you can to implement this Alert. For a current list of cosponsors, see: thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:HR05939:@@P.

In an August 20 letter to the House of Representatives, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, urged Representatives to support and co-sponsor H.R. 5939. "While Congress's *policy* [on restricting funding for abortion] has been remarkably consistent for decades, implementation of that policy in *practice* has been piecemeal and sometimes sadly inadequate." The Cardinal cited the recently passed health care reform law as an example of why H.R. 5939 is needed. For the full text of the Cardinal's letter, see: usccb.org/prolife/DiNardo-HR5939.pdf.

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