

# APLC

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President Donald J. Trump

**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Dear President Trump:

I am writing on behalf of the Alabama Pro-Life Coalition. APLC was formed in 1990 as a coalition of pro-life and family groups in the state of Alabama. It has been responsible for the passage of more than a dozen abortion regulatory laws, including the Alabama Human Life Protection Act. It prohibits abortion except for the life and serious health exceptions for the mother. APLC has always been consistent in its position that the unborn child is a person entitled to life and the protection of laws.

In this election cycle, the Democrats are making abortion a central issue, while avoiding its reality. Using the euphemism "reproductive freedom" does not avoid the issue.

We are grateful to you for your being true to your word and making originalist appointments to the federal judiciary. Your selection of three Justices to the U.S. Supreme Court allowed a proper constitutional interpretation of the life/abortion rights debate that had taken place for 49 ½ years. We did not give up during that time and we know the other side will not.

However, for the first time since the Republican party has had a pro-life plank in its platform, it has been weakened. We encourage you to lead the party in the direction to protect life and not submit to the Democrat's pandering to selfish interests. Being a person is a serious undertaking, from conception to the grave. To encourage you in your articulation of these issues, may we offer several suggestions:

1. Accept only life and serious health exceptions to abortion. Let medical professionals, not abortionists, make educated medical decisions.
2. Do not accept rape and incest exceptions. Regardless of how a child is conceived, it is still a human life. Conception under these circumstances may be as low as 1% for rape, and -.05% for incest, according to an often cited Guttmacher Institute study. Abortion for these reasons will also increase such claims, usually fraudulent, put doctors in difficult positions, and result in women not getting the real help they need.
3. Limit the delivery of abortifacients to states that prohibit their use. Two-thirds of abortions now are done by drugs, usually received in the mail, without a physician's involvement.
4. Regulate IVF. Contrary to reports, while we agree with the Alabama Supreme Court Decision on IVF, we do not oppose IVF. We support reasonable regulation of IVF, resulting in a proper medical standard of care.
5. Support pregnancy resource centers. PRC's are the best option for dealing with unexpected or unwanted pregnancies. We have 72 PRC's in Alabama who meet attendant physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women and families in trouble. Funding of PRC's is much needed and productive.
6. We do not oppose a national abortion regulatory law, so long as states may have stricter laws.

We hope these suggestions will inform you on these real-life issues. We must take the high road and not permit human life to become merely a political issue. Thank you for your position and for speaking out for the unborn. If we may be of assistance to you in any way, please let us know.

On Behalf of Life,



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