

Chairman Michael Steele
Republican National Committee
310 First St, NE
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Dear Chairman Steele,

Recently you said some unnerving things about abortion. We appreciate that you have since restated your pro-life position. There are currently numerous opportunities to speak out about abortion and we urge you to use your leadership position to do so.

After only two months in office, Barack Obama is clearly the most pro-abortion President in history. Here's why:

- 1) President Obama [reversed the Mexico City Policy](#) four days after taking office. Instead of restricting foreign aid to organizations who directly support abortion, American taxpayers will be funding abortions overseas, all while trying to make ends meet in the midst of a recession
- 2) The [new omnibus budget](#) increases money spent on the abortion industry, including an increase of \$7.5 million to \$307.5 million for Title X Domestic Family Planning and a 19% increase of \$88 million to \$545 million for International Family Planning
- 3) President Obama nominated the most [pro-abortion governor](#) in the country, Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius, to be Secretary of HHS, which oversees millions spent on the abortion industry. Sebelius has taken hundreds of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from the abortion industry and has very close ties to infamous late-term abortionist Dr. George Tiller.
- 4) President Obama [has started](#) the proceedings to rescind the "conscience clause" regulations put in place by President Bush, which protects [doctors](#), medical students and other healthcare professionals who are experiencing increasing incidents of discrimination for refusing to participate in abortion for moral reasons.
- 5) On March 17, 2009, for the first time in eight years, the Obama State Department released \$50 million to the [United Nations Population Fund](#) (UNFPA), an organization linked to China's one-child policy and coerced abortions. Unsatisfied by the \$50 million mark, House members led by pro-abortion Representative Louise Slaughter, are asking for even more money in the next budget Congress will consider.
- 6) Under Obama's new healthcare plan, the same advocates that are pushing for taxpayer-funded abortions and wiping out parental consent laws, were [front and center](#) at the Healthcare Summit in Washington, DC to present their solutions
- 7) President Obama signed an executive order forcing American taxpayers [to fund](#) embryonic stem cell research without limiting it to surplus embryos who would "die anyway." As pointed in a [column by Charles Krauthammer](#), President Obama "pointedly left open the creation of cloned -- and non-cloned sperm-and-egg-derived -- [human embryos solely for the purpose of dismemberment and use for parts.](#)"

We urge you to please use your position to bring to light these atrocities that will further not only abortion itself but force American taxpayers to fund life destructive practices which many, including your own party, are morally opposed.

Sincerely,

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