

# Halt the Assault *on human life*

Until the next mid-term elections in 2010, pro-abortion forces in Congress and a pro-abortion president will have the opportunity to remove many pro-life laws and create new ones assaulting the sanctity of human life. Pro-life people need to come together to halt the assault on human life.

## Issues to Watch

### Stop the Inclusion of Abortion in Health Care

Congressional Democratic leaders are currently at work crafting "health care reform" legislation that they, and President Obama, hope to ram through Congress on a fast track this summer. Many details of the legislation have not yet been determined. But this much is clear: President Obama, with the help of some of the most powerful Democrats in Congress, will attempt to use "health care reform" as a vehicle to impose sweeping pro-abortion mandates on the American health-care delivery system. The pro-abortion movement sees federal "health care reform" legislation as a golden opportunity to force-feed abortion into every nook and cranny of the health-care delivery system. Urge our lawmakers to oppose any federal "health care reform" legislation that does not explicitly exclude abortion.

### Stop Research Using Human Embryos

President Obama used his executive authority to remove President Bush's restrictions on the use of federal funds for embryonic stem cell research. As directed by President Obama's March 9 Executive Order, the National Institutes of Health drafted guidelines for stem cell research expanding federal funding for destructive human embryonic stem cell research. It is also likely that Congress will consider legislation to remove the Dickey Amendment. The Dickey Amendment prevents the federal funding of research where human embryos are killed and where human embryos are created for the purpose of research.

### Stop the Expansion of Abortion in International Policy

President Obama nullified the pro-life "Mexico City Policy" on January 23. The effect of President Obama's action will be to re-direct a substantial amount of U.S. "population assistance" funds away from overseas groups that avoid involvement in abortion and into the hands of groups that are committed to the expansion of abortion.

### Stop National Health Care Which Includes Rationing

Right to Life of Michigan is equally concerned with protecting the elderly and people with disabilities from euthanasia as with protecting the unborn from abortion. Denial of lifesaving medical treatment is a form of involuntary euthanasia, and, therefore, Right to Life of Michigan opposes government rationing of health care.

### Action Item

You can halt this radical assault on the sanctity of human life by informing your fellow citizens and encouraging them to make their voices heard.

For more information about pro-life issues, visit Right to Life of Michigan online at [www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org) and check out the **Action Center**. You will find important information about current pro-life issues and educational materials like LifeNotes on pro-life topics that you may print and distribute. Together, pro-life people can halt the assault.

