

E-Mail Memo

DATE: August 5, 2015

- TO: Diocesan Pro-Life Directors, State Catholic Conference Directors, Friends
- FROM: Amy McInerny, Executive Director
- RE: Defunding Planned Parenthood Vote

Monday's Senate vote was disappointing to put it mildly. Like you, I was hoping for a better outcome for S. 1881. However, we must not be discouraged. Majority Leader McConnell switched his vote at the last moment to preserve his right to bring the bill forward again. By voting with the prevailing side, Sen. McConnell was able to enter a motion for the vote to be reconsidered at a later time. There may be other opportunities to obtain the goal of S. 1881.

Thanks to all who were able to answer our call to action on Monday. Time was short to respond. If you didn't have an opportunity to contact Congress before the vote I urge you to do so now. It remains important that your senators hear from you.

Please take a moment to thank your senators if they were among the 53 voting for life. If your senators did not vote in favor of defunding Planned Parenthood, it is critical that they hear from you now. It only takes a moment to let them know we are still engaged and still expecting life-protecting decisions from them.

Follow up with your senators through our Human Life Action Center by using the link below. We have already sorted out the appropriate response based on your address. Click here <u>www.votervoice.net/NCHLA/campaigns/42136/respond</u> to contact your senators. Together, we will be heard!