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Take a Pro-Life Stand!

A bill is in Congress called the "Freedom of Choice Act," or FOCA. It represents the most serious legislative threat to women and unborn children of all times. Almost all restrictions on abortions are in jeopardy of being overturned if FOCA would become law. FOCA itself may become law or the harmful policies it represents may become law one step at a time. In either case we, as Catholics are called upon to stand up and reaffirm our Pro-Life support by OPPOSING FOCA and all that it stands for.

The following results will occur if FOCA is passed into law:

- ◆ FOCA will invalidate laws to protect a woman from unsafe abortion clinics and to ensure that she is informed about abortion.
- ◆ FOCA will require taxpayers to pay for abortions.
- ◆ FOCA will require states to allow "partial-birth" and other late-term abortions.
- ◆ FOCA will require states to allow abortions by non physicians
- ◆ FOCA will bar laws protecting a right of conscientious objection to abortion.
- ◆ FOCA will deny parents an opportunity to be involved in their minor daughter's abortion decision.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

The Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is joining together with other Catholic fraternal organizations, and with thousands of Catholic parishes across the nation, in a letter campaign urging members of Congress to oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and to retain existing laws against government funding and promotion of abortion.

Just cut out the coupon on page three and send copies of it to the U.S. Representatives and two Senators representing the District in which you live. Or use the letter as an example and write a separate letter to each of your Congressmen. Be sure to sign the letter and give your address.

Let your voice be heard! Thank you for standmg up for life at this important time when this devastating legislation is being considered. We have a chance to make a difference... speak out in defense of those who cannot speak out for themselves!

TAKEN FROM USCCB SECRETARIAT FOR PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES LETTER

The following note can be mailed to your Senators and Representatives letting them know of your encouragement to support life, particularly of the vulnerable and unborn. You may cut out this section (*Continued on page 3*)

\$7,600 in Prizes Awarded to PRCUA Societies



Present at the drawing for the winners of the Annual Polish Roman Catholic Union of America Society Membership Promotion were (l-r) Diane Saczynski, Kasia Budzyn, Anna Trush, Secretary-Treasurer Joyce Szarowicz, President Wallace Ozog, Res. Vice President Anna Sokolowski, Jenny Crissey, Judy Hoffman, Anna Wolan and Agnieszka Miguel

On January 28th, a drawing was held, with the PRCUA Executive Officers and Staff of the Membership Department present, to select the winners in PRCUA's Annual Society Membership Promotion. There were a total of 31 entries, earned by Societies for life insurance applications approved from Dec. 16, 2007 to Dec. 15, 2008.

Societies receive \$10 for each deputy-generated life insurance certificate issued by the Home Office. In addition, for every 5 deputy-generated life insurance certificates issued, the Society qualifies to receive one entry in this drawing. Adult and juvenile certificates qualify for this contest and only new business applies; equity conversions do not count.

A Society can only win one of the top five prizes, but is eligible to win prizes six through fifteen any number of times.

Since 1999, the PRCUA has awarded a total of \$127,500 to Societies in this promotion.

This year, a Pre-Convention Contest will be announced in the near future in Narod Polski, therefore the next drawing will be held August of 2009 for certificates issued from December 16, 2008 through June 15, 2009.

(See next page for the list of winners.)

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(Cont. from page 1) of the newspaper, paste it on a post card, sign it and send it to your Representatives and Senators or use it as a sample to write your own letter.

For a list of U.S. Representatives, go to: www.house.gov. There is a place to put in your address and the name of your Representative will appear. Then get their address from the directory. This site also has ways for you to email your Representatives or telephone them.

You can obtain similar information about Senators at: www.senate.gov

Below is a list of the addresses of Senators from states where PRCUA has a large number of members:

Dodd, Christopher J. - (D - CT)
448 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Lieberman, Joseph I. - (D - CT)
706 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Carper, Thomas R. - (D - DE)
513 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Kaufman, Edward E. - (D - DE)
G11 DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Martinez, Mel - (R - FL)
356 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Nelson, Bill - (D - FL)
716 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Burris, Roland W. - (D - IL)
523 DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Durbin, Richard - (D - IL)
309 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Bayh, Evan - (D - IN)
131 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Lugar, Richard G. - (R - IN)
306 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Kennedy, Edward M. - (D - MA)
317 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Kerry, John F. - (D - MA)
218 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Cardin, Benjamin L. - (D - MD)
509 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Mikulski, Barbara A. - (D - MD)
503 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Levin, Carl - (D - MI)
269 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Stabenow, Debbie - (D - MI)
133 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Johanns, Mike - (R - NE)
1 RUSSELL COURTYARD WASHINGTON DC 20510

Nelson, Ben - (D - NE)
720 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Lautenberg, Frank R. - (D - NJ)
324 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Menendez, Robert - (D - NJ)
317 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

E-mail: senator_bingaman@bingaman.senate.gov

Udall, Tom - (D - NM)
B40D DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Gillibrand, Kirsten E. - (D - NY)
531 DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Schumer, Charles E. - (D - NY)
313 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Brown, Sherrod - (D - OH)
455 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Voinovich, George V. - (R - OH)
524 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Casey, Robert P., Jr. - (D - PA)
383 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Specter, Arlen - (R - PA)
711 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Reed, Jack - (D - RI)
728 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Whitehouse, Sheldon - (D - RI)
502 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Leahy, Patrick J. - (D - VT)
433 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Sanders, Bernard - (I - VT)
332 DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Feingold, Russell D. - (D - WI)
506 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Kohl, Herb - (D - WI)
330 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING WASHINGTON DC 20510

Dear _____

At this time of serious national challenges, Americans should unite to serve the good of all, born and unborn. The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), the most radical and divisive pro-abortion bill ever introduced in Congress, would create a "fundamental right" to abortion that government could not limit but would have to support. FOCA would overturn many existing widely- supported policies, including laws protecting parental involvement and conscience rights and those preventing partial-birth abortion and taxpayer funding of abortion.

Please oppose FOCA or any similar measure, and retain laws against federal funding and promotion of abortion. As your constituent, I would like a written response telling me how you would vote on these matters.

Respectfully,

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Winners of the PRCUA Membership Promotion for Societies

<u>Society</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1. #162	Wyandotte, MI	\$2,000.00
2. #261	Harper Woods, MI	\$1,500.00
3. #1622	Palos Hills, IL	\$1,000.00
4. #718	Dearborn, MI	\$ 600.00
5. #1624	Glenview, IL	\$ 500.00
6. #1634	Toledo, OH	\$ 200.00
7. #1624	Glenview, IL	\$ 200.00
8. #718	Dearborn, MI	\$ 200.00
9. #1413	Dearborn, MI	\$ 200.00
10. #1618	Glenview, IL	\$ 200.00
11. #1624	Glenview, IL	\$ 200.00
12. #162	Wyandotte, MI	\$ 200.00
13. #718	Dearborn, MI	\$ 200.00
14. #1626	Glenview, IL	\$ 200.00
15. #1413	Dearborn, MI	\$ 200.00

Congratulations!