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PP Citizens for Life works to protect the innocent, helpless, vulnerable members of our human family – young and old, infirm and healthy, born and preborn.

Considering Advance Directives

April 16 was National Healthcare Decisions Day, a day all Americans were encouraged to sign an advance directive such as a living will or durable power of attorney stating their wishes for future health care should they be unable to speak for themselves.

Everyone should be cautious about signing legal documents that contain vague or hazy terms, the interpretation of which could be a death sentence.

In the various advance directives available, some of these terms are **“heroic,” “artificial,” “incurable,” “irreversible,” and “imminent.”**

For example, many people have incurable and irreversible conditions such as diabetes or arthritis, but they are nowhere near death.

When people think of **“imminent,”** they might think that a person is in the final stage of life. The patient’s body is shutting down and he is no longer assimilating food or fluids.

In reality, “imminent” has been interpreted variously to mean **weeks, months, or even years.** In 1992, even the *New England Journal of Medicine* expressed concern that advance directives are too vague and open to conflicting interpretations.

Pro-euthanasia forces have been working hard for many years to convince people that a very important “right” was being withheld from them – the **right to die.** In reality, no such thing is true.

People have always had the right to refuse treatment, the right to pain relief, and the right to die, if they are truly dying.

However, **people who are not actually dying are the real targets,** for both philosophical and

financial reasons.

When the first living will bill was introduced in Florida, the bill's author argued that the law could save Florida \$5 billion if 90% of the State's mentally ill and mentally retarded were *“allowed”* to die.

In 1987, Dr. Otis Bowen, Secretary of Health and Human Services, testified before the Senate Finance Committee that the only way to attack high health care costs was to encourage Americans to write living wills.

So, in living wills and other advance directives that contain choices about future care, the way to not “prolong an existence” [“existence” being a favorite negative euphemism for ‘life’ used in many advance directives] is to allow **choices slanted towards death by the withholding of care,** even in non-dying persons.

PPCFL believes that signing a **durable power of attorney for health care** is a practical, good idea – rather than a “living will.”

However, we encourage you to sign one that does **not** contain choices about withholding care because those choices are made without knowing the circumstances under which they will be applied.

We recommend you use your advance directive to **name a trusted person** to be your spokesperson, or agent, if and when you are unable to speak for yourself.

At such time your agent will take into consideration your values, **which you have discussed with him or her,** and also the circumstances at the time a decision needs to be made.

For a listing of more in-depth terms and prolife recommendations, please call our office. 630-1999

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Stem Cells & Success

Lord Patel, chairman of the UK National Stem Cell Network admitted that it could be five to ten years before viable stem cell treatments are available.

“We have to be cautious. **It may not deliver therapy for anything**...We may find it quite a risky business.”

Though he did not admit to speaking **only** of embryonic stem cell research, **he could not have included adult stem cells because of the numerous proven successes with them.**

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Liberals Should Oppose Abortion – the book

The Liberal Case Against Abortion, was written by writer and vegan activist, Vasu Murti, a member of ACLU and PETA.

Its publisher, Paul Nowak, says “Murti presents formidable arguments why the prevailing philosophy of the liberal movement demands opposition [to] abortion.”

Nowak says the book gives “prolife arguments based on critical tenants of the liberal philosophy to use with friends, family and government representatives.”

LifeNews.com, 1/3/08

“Person” in Colorado Law

Today, a crime victim must meet three conditions to qualify as a “person”: 1) be a human being; 2) **already be born**; 3) be still alive when attacked.

Charges were dismissed against Logan Lage who caused the car crash in November, 2007, which precipitated the early arrival of Lileigh Lehnen at 8 ½ months.

Lileigh lived several hours, but died of asphyxia. Because of the second required condition, her life had no value.

Support the Personhood Amendment to the Colorado Constitution!

Sad Statistics

Abortion was legalized in Mexico in April, 2007. Since then 6,400 abortions have been performed. 22 women have been injured; 8 women died, some from health code violations and negligence.

Stats supplied by Provida, the Mexican National Prolife Committee.

LifeSiteNews.com, 4/7/08

Komen Foundation & Planned Parenthood

Public records found by the PP watchdog group, STOPP Intern’tl, show that chapters of the Komen Race for the Cure gave Planned Parenthood affiliates \$711,485 from April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006.

Still refusing to acknowledge the abortion-breast cancer link, Komen & the Race continue to support the largest abortion provider in the United States.

A Prolife Governor, a Baby and Down Syndrome

In mid-April Alaska Governor Sarah Palin gave birth to her fifth child. Baby boy, Trig Paxson, has Down Syndrome.

Though abortion was recommended, Gov. Palin chose life.

She tells the world: “Trig is beautiful and already adored by us. We knew through early testing he would face special challenges, and we feel privileged that God would entrust us with this gift and allow us unspeakable joy when he entered our lives.

“We have faith that every baby is created for good purpose and has potential to make this world a better place. We are truly blessed,” the 44-year-old governor added.

LifeNews.com, April 22, 2008

A BABY IS "PUNISHMENT"??

Day Gardner, the president of the National Black Pro-Life union, is very upset to hear of the recent remarks made by pro-abortion presidential candidate Barack Obama.

Obama shocked prolife advocates when he said he wouldn't want his young daughters "punished" with a baby should they become pregnant as teenagers.

"I am going to teach them first of all about values and morals. But if they make a mistake, **I don't want them punished with a baby,**" said Obama.

Gardner worries [that] Americans will be "*punished*" with a president who won't stand up for the lives of all people, either before or after birth.

"I will never call a baby a 'mistake'," the former Miss America finalist said. "We are all put here for a reason. But that aside, aren't we supposed to help our children learn from their 'mistakes?'" She asked.

"The consequences or circumstances a young woman may face with an unplanned pregnancy need not include the cruel and vicious killing of her child," Gardner explained.

The black prolife leader also said Obama is taking the wrong approach to teen pregnancy, as young women who become pregnant shouldn't be scorned or told they are being punished with a baby. They should receive love and support from their parents and the community.

"I know many young women who are wonderful mothers. We do not have to kill our children to have fruitful, successful lives," she said.

She suggested Obama learn more about abortion and its consequences.

"Obama obviously doesn't know very much about what an abortion really is – what it does to children – **and** what it does to the bodies of women."

"If he did, I don't think he would have spoken so casually and callously about snuffing out the lives of his future grandchildren, or the traumatic health problems and depression his beautiful girls would have to face."

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PEPFAR - What, Why & Why Not

The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) is a 5-year, \$15-billion plan for fighting AIDS, which expires this year.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee has a 'new' proposal which **radically changes** the principles of this widely successful program.

How? It requires the "integration" of "family planning" programs with HIV/AIDs prevention and treatment programs.

This strips those provisions that ensure priority funding for the highly effective abstinence and fidelity programs, which have reduced HIV rates in African nations that have implemented it.

The expiring plan included the **Kemp-Kasten Amendment** which prohibits giving U.S. "population assistance" funds to "any organization or program which,...supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization."

A "Kemp-Kasten" style amendment is a "**must**" for the new PEPFAR draft to be acceptable to prolife America.

The current PEPFAR draft doubles the amount of (our tax) money going to the Swiss-based Global Fund for AIDS from \$1 billion to **\$2 billion**. About one-third of their funding comes from U.S. funds.

Contrary to Global Fund's agreement to abide by Kemp-Kasten, tracking some of those funds has revealed their going to the National Population and Family Planning Commission (NPFPC); the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and Maria Stopes International –

all of whom work in China and that nation's forced abortion and "one child" policies.

Also gone from the draft is the Prostitution Pledge, which requires AIDS relief groups to have a policy explicitly opposing prostitution or sex trafficking before they can receive U.S. funds.

No bill is better than a bad bill! Please contact Senators Allard and Salazar and Rep. Lamborn. Urge their insistence upon preserving abstinence funding and support for prolife amendments. Urge their opposition to PEPFAR, if it is not amended.

Senator Wayne Allard – 634-6071;

Senator Ken Salazar – 328-1100;

Representative Doug Lamborn – 520-0055

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The United States has a representative form of government.

We as American citizens elect representatives to make laws and perform all the other necessary functions of government.

If we elect good people, we will have good government.

If we do not elect people who reflect our values we will suffer at their hands.

Your vote counts; many elections have been won by only a few votes.

Study where the candidates for public office stand on the abortion issue.

Our unborn are Americans too... help save their lives with your vote.

Pray about it !

Vote with Love!

Vote Pro-Life!

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