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“Acceptable Bigotry”—Prejudice Against the Child in the Womb

*Excerpts by Rep. Chris Smith
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America got another wake-up call last week with the arrest of an abortionist in Philadelphia who was charged in the killing of a woman and seven babies who were aborted, briefly survived, then killed by severing their spinal cords with a pair of scissors.

The tens of thousands of young people here today bravely defending the youngest people in America know that the killings in Philadelphia--and all abortion--is violence against women and children.

They know that the only thing the multibillion abortion industry produces is victims and that women deserve better than abortion. They know that the pro-life movement loves, honors, deeply respects and welcomes post-abortive women who are silent no more.

Our young people know child abuse when they see it. And they--all of us--demand that it end.

In order to sanitize the violence, the multibillion abortion industry systematically dehumanizes the weakest and most vulnerable.

This "acceptable bigotry--prejudice against the child in the womb" has been promoted for decades, despite breathtaking advances in fetal medicine including microsurgery and disease mitigation underscoring the fact that an unborn child is often a patient in need of care, just like anyone else, and despite that amazing window to the womb, ultrasound imaging.

As many of you know, the evidence suggests that when public funding is unavailable, the number of abortions drop dramatically, by about 25 percent.

So last week, with full and unequivocal support of Speaker John Boehner and Majority Leader Eric Cantor, more than 165 members of Congress joined Dan Lipinski and I to introduce the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (HR3)--a government-wide prohibition on taxpayer subsidization for abortion and conscience protections for health care personnel and institutions. We need your help to get this passed.

And let us recommit today to even more persevering prayer, fasting and hard work to ensure the human rights of all, regardless of age, race, religion, sex, disability, immaturity or condition of dependency.