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Each year, Mr. Speaker, just one organization in America, Planned Parenthood, kills more than 305,000 children by abortion. Yet only this week, another Planned Parenthood clinic director resigned after watching an ultrasound of an actual abortion in progress.

Self described as “extremely pro-choice”—but now pro-life, Abby Johnson said she watched an unborn child “crumple” before her very eyes as the infant was vacuumed and dismembered by a suction device 20-30 times more powerful than a household vacuum cleaner: “I could see the baby try to move away... I just thought what am I doing... never again.”

Abortion not only kills a child, it harms women physically and psychologically and risks significant harm to subsequent children.

The mental health of women is damaged, sometimes irreparably, by abortion.

Recently the Times of London reported that, “senior obstetricians and psychiatrists say that new evidence has uncovered a clear link between abortion and mental illness in women with no previous history of psychological problems.

Women who have had abortions have twice the level of psychological problems and three times the level of depression as women who have given birth or never been pregnant”; other studies comport with that finding.

A comprehensive study from New Zealand found that 78 percent of the 15 to 18 year old girls who had abortions manifested symptoms of major depression compared to 31 percent of their peers.

Numerous studies also show that the risk of pre-term birth of children to women who have previously procured an abortion increases with the number of previous abortions. One abortion increases the risk 35%; two or more abortions increases the risk by a staggering 93%. Prematurity is a leading cause of death and disability in children.

If we truly want to reduce abortion in America, don't fund it!

Today the House has an opportunity to significantly limit public funding of abortion in a manner that replicates the Hyde Amendment and applies it to the two, new, massive government health programs created in the pending bill—the public option and the affordability credit program.

The Stupak/ Pitts amendment ensures that pro-life Americans won't be forced to fund, enable, or facilitate the killing of unborn children and the wounding of women.

Even the Guttmacher Institute, formerly the research arm of Planned Parenthood, says that prohibiting federal funds for abortion reduces abortion by 25 percent.

Millions of Americans are alive today because public funding did not facilitate their deaths. Millions more will be alive tomorrow if the Stupak/ Pitts amendment is adopted to this bill.