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Dear Friend of the Anti-Choice Project,

## NEW ACP CHAPTER LAUNCHES IN OHIO

Thanks to the connections of Lauren Handy, our Washington, D.C. Chapter Director, we are excited to announce that a new ACP Chapter is being established in Toledo, Ohio! Lauren shared her experience as a chapter director with Emmarsyn Mysko and encouraged her to complete the application on our website ([antichoiceproject.com/chapter-application](http://antichoiceproject.com/chapter-application)). Emmarsyn joins our team with four years of experience in the movement under her belt, having already worked with several serious pro-life groups like Created Equal, Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust, Students for Life, and others. We are elated to have Emmarsyn leading a chapter in Toledo, where the injustice of abortion can be exposed still further.



*Emmarsyn Mysko is our new Chapter Director for ACP Toledo, Ohio.*

## 2018 POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

Good news for babies continues to flow from the White House, where, for the first time in more than four decades, a President addressed the March for Life live video via satellite. As reported on January 21, 2018, by the Washington Times:

“The 45<sup>th</sup> president became the first sitting one to address the world’s largest annual human-rights demonstration. In a live satellite feed Friday from the Rose Garden, Mr. Trump said ‘hope is the true gift of this incredible movement that brings us together today.’ ‘That is why we march,’ the president said. ‘That is why we pray, and that is why we declare that America’s future will be filled with goodness, peace, joy, dignity and life for every child of God.’”



*President Trump addresses the March for Life crowd via live video broadcast from the Rose Garden at the White House.*

President Trump has matched his words with action. His budget proposals — although Congress did not have the votes to sign them into law — prohibited taxpayer funding for abortion. On February 13, 2018, LifeSiteNews explained, “The [2019] Budget includes provisions prohibiting certain abortion providers from receiving Federal funds from HHS, including those that receive funding under the Title X Family Planning program and Medicaid, among other HHS programs. The budget request to Congress is the start of the U.S. government’s annual budget process. Trump’s budget request for 2018 excluded Planned Parenthood from all HHS funding, including Medicaid reimbursements, though this did not come to pass.”

The sad fact of the matter is there are not enough pro-life members in Congress to cut funding from Planned Parenthood today. There weren’t even enough pro-life members of Congress to ban late term abortions, a bill which failed to pass on January 29<sup>th</sup> of this year. Only 51 senators (48 Republicans and 3 Democrats) supported the bill, when 60 were needed to invoke cloture, as it is known, and proceed to a roll call on passage. (The law to end late term abortions was opposed by 44 Democrats and 2 Republicans.)

*"We must defend those who cannot defend themselves...  
and pass legislation that will celebrate, cherish, and protect life."*

**– President Trump, after the Senate's failure to pass the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**



*ACP Washington, D.C. stands in front of the U.S. Supreme Court building during the annual March for Life in January 2018.*

It would be foolish to despair of the cause, however. Consider that this November, no fewer than 24 Democratic senate seats are up for reelection (only 8 Republican seats are in play), and 10 of those 24 currently-held Democrat seats are in states which Donald Trump won some 16 months ago.

If the GOP can pick up even two or three additional seats in the senate in November, they will have significantly increased their influence, since two Republicans — Senators Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska — are pro-abortion, and since other lone senators have held the party hostage before, given the slim majority the GOP currently has. The addition of even a small number of true pro-life, conservative Republicans will dramatically alter what can be accomplished in the U.S. Senate and therefore Washington, D.C. as a whole.

As our readers know, it is absolutely critical that pro-lifers fill as many seats as possible. As history attests, if the GOP loses its narrow majority in the Senate, future conservative judicial appointments — to the Supreme Court in particular — will likely be thwarted.

Fortunately, there are indications that Republicans may have the edge come November. As Jen Kerns of Fox News explained in her February 10<sup>th</sup> piece, "New polling shows that Democrats have lost their recent 15-point lead over Republicans, dropping to only a two-point lead for a critical election they had hoped to paint as a referendum on President Trump and writ large, Republicans."

This news is worse still for the Democrats, since generic ballot polling tends to skew Democratic. She continues, "So one has to presume that the same polls, run by the same mainstream media outlets, remain skewed, especially considering how badly the polls underestimated support for Donald Trump and missed the mark in 2016. Therefore, if Democrats are only two points ahead on the generic ballot and if [Five-Thirty-Eight Nate] Silver's assessment of a four-point skew in favor of Democrats is accurate (and it was in 2014), it's fair to suggest that Republicans are actually up by two points."

The battle for the future of our country remains as fierce as ever. While the Oval Office and the House of Representatives are firmly on the side of life, both the Supreme Court and the U.S. Senate are divided almost straight down the middle. November 2018 will undoubtedly determine which direction both those institutions turn and, by extension, how much longer Roe remains law of the land.

Sincerely Yours,



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