

Possible Talking Points on Abortion Funding for Members of the House

--I want to communicate the Catholic Church's moral principles and policy priorities on health care directly to you because of the importance of this issue and your strong and principled work for health care that will protect human life, not threaten it with new abortion funding.

--We are so grateful for your consistent and courageous actions to insure that the House health care reform legislation fully included and applied the existing prohibitions on federal funding for abortion by voting for the Stupak amendment. Sadly, the Senate bill fails to keep in place the current law. It requires taxpayers and the federal government to fund and facilitate plans which include elective abortion and then requires people in those plans to pay directly into a fund which only pays for abortions.

-I am calling to thank you for that leadership and to make sure we can count on you to continue to insist that the House prohibitions be clearly included in the final legislation. We encourage you to continue to withhold your support and vote until and unless fundamental problems are addressed and the legislation fully reflects current law which bans funding for elective abortions or plans which include elective abortion.

--The only way we will get needed health care reform legislation that protects the life, dignity, conscience and health of all is if you continue to provide strong and consistent moral and political leadership. I hope we can count on your help in this urgent task.