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The Honorable Tom Corbett
Governor, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Corbett:

I recently met with pro-life individuals who expressed their deep concern with taxpayer money benefiting Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider. According to Planned Parenthood Federation of America's annual report for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, they received 33% of their revenue from government grants. In 2009, they had 9 facilities within the Commonwealth that were registered to perform abortions.

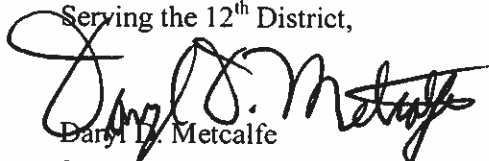
In 2008, there were 37,284 abortions in Pennsylvania, and of those unborn children 35,684 were Pennsylvanians. As a firm pro-life advocate, I urge that your budget protects life by defunding "family planning" agencies, like Planned Parenthood, that benefit from taxpayer money.

In the 2006-07 fiscal year, I sponsored an amendment to the state budget, which would have removed the controversial "Expanded Medical Services for Women" line item earmarked for Planned Parenthood. The amendment was endorsed by nearly 30 pro-family and pro-life organizations from across the Commonwealth, and was only defeated by a narrow margin of 106-92 in the state House. Following this vote, the previous administration concealed this line item by layering it in the budget amongst other contracts.

If we are to succeed in encouraging more women and couples to make the compassionate choice of offering the gift of life, we must stop funding Planned Parenthood with taxpayer dollars.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and I look forward to standing with you and the many other pro-life individuals in the fight to protect the rights of the unborn.

Serving the 12th District,


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