



Tony Perkins, President of the Family Research Council, gave the following remarks a press conference in support of the U.S. Senate introduction of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act:

“Senator Graham, I want to thank you for your leadership and for your colleagues on your commitment to bringing America into line with the vast majority of other nations who respect human rights and respect human life. America is one of only seven nations in the world who allow abortion at any time for any reason after the fifth month after conception.

“As far as human rights go, the fewer things America has in common with the evil regimes of North Korea and China the better. And it’s time for us, as Americans, to leave this club of seven.

“For me, this is a personal issue. This is the reason twenty years ago I left the field of law enforcement and became involved in the political arena. It was over the issue of life. If there’s one thing worth fighting for, it is the right to life.

“Last month, in large part due to the diligence and commitment of many here in this room today, we celebrated a great victory in the House when the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection bill was passed overwhelmingly on the second anniversary of the conviction of the infamous abortionist Dr. Kermit Gosnell; for his crimes against, not just babies, but their mothers as well. Remember, abortion is not just about ending the life of a baby, but in many cases it’s about robbing future of a mother. The brutality of what Dr. Gosnell did is underscored by the fact that many of the babies that he killed outside the womb by ‘snipping their spinal cord’ would have experienced the same excruciating pain if killed while still in the womb.

“Now I’m going to say for the Family Research Council, we wholeheartedly support this measure and will work with Senator Graham and his colleagues to pass this bill.

“And we agree with President Obama on what he said earlier this week, here in Washington, D.C., when he spoke before the Catholic Health Association. He said this: ‘A shared belief that every human being made in the image of God deserves to live in dignity. All children, no matter who they are or where they come from or how much money they were born into, ought to have the opportunity to achieve their God given potential...’

“Well, that potential, that opportunity, it begins with life. So I call upon President Obama and his party to withdraw their opposition to this bill; and I call upon President Obama to pledge his support for this measure that would help bring his Administration’s policies in line with his political rhetoric,” concluded Perkins.