



ADVANCING FAITH, FAMILY AND FREEDOM

## 10 THINGS TO ASK YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS DURING THE CONGRESSIONAL RECESS

*Congress has adjourned for President's Day week, and Congressmen and Senators are traveling throughout their Districts and states hosting town halls and public forums. Asking questions at these events is a great way for you to help your elected representatives understand issues of concern for you and your family. For town hall schedules, call or visit the website of your Senators and Congressman ([click here](#) if you don't know who your members of Congress are). Use this issue guide to raise topics related to life, marriage, family, and religious freedom.*

To Ask Your Congressman and Senators:

1. Do you support repealing Obamacare and defunding Planned Parenthood as Congress did in 2015 only to have President Obama veto it?
2. Will you commit to oppose abortion funding or subsidies for health insurance in any Republican plan to replace Obamacare? The House just passed the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act to make the Hyde amendment ban on funding and subsidizing insurance with abortion coverage permanent and government wide. These principles should be applied to any new GOP plan to replace Obamacare in the coming weeks.
3. Will you support efforts to stop the onerous abuse of the "Johnson Amendment" by supporting the Free Speech Fairness Act sponsored by Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) and Rep. Jody Hice (R-Ga.) and Senator James Lankford (R-Okla.)? This legislation ensures pastors and non-profits can engage in speech about political candidates so long as they do so during their normal non-profit activities and spend no more than a minimal amount on the candidate-related speech. It prevents liberal activist organizations and the IRS from threatening pastors and churches for speaking up on political issues.
4. Will you support legislation to stop government discrimination against people who still believe that marriage is between one man and one woman? While the Supreme Court overturned the traditional definition of marriage adopted into law by over 30 states, many people still respectfully believe marriage is between one man and one woman and should not be punished by the government for acting in accordance with that belief.
5. Will you support passage of the "Conscience Protection Act" sponsored by Rep. Diane Black (R-Tenn.) and Senator James Lankford (R-Okla.) to ensure the federal government does not discriminate against pro-life health care entities who object to being forced to participate in abortion?
6. Will you support a vote on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act which bars abortion on 5 month old unborn babies when they begin to experience severe pain? This bill is sponsored by Rep. Trent Franks (R-Ariz.) and Senator Lindsay Graham (R-S.C.) and has previously passed the House twice.
7. Will you oppose the so-called "Equality Act" which would force special protections for homosexual and transsexual lifestyles in 25 areas of federal law—with no religious liberty protections for people of faith who disagree with these lifestyles and same-sex marriage.
8. Will you support the *Born Alive Survivor's Protection Act*- sponsored by Rep. Trent Franks (R-Ark.) and Senator Ben Sasse (R-Neb.) that requires doctors to provide same care for infants born alive after an abortion otherwise provided to born alive infants?

To Ask Just Your Senators:

9. Will you support a vote on the recently House-passed “Disapproval Resolution” to block the Obama administration’s Title X regulation issued last December which punishes states that redirect family planning funds from Planned Parenthood to more holistic community health centers?
  
10. With the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to fill the vacancy of Justice Antonin Scalia’s seat on the Supreme Court— will you vote to approve him since he will defend the original meaning of the Constitution and overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Obergefell v. Hodges* that forced abortion and same-sex marriage on all 50 states?