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According to our Declaration of Independence, “all men... are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” The order is significant. Life is the first God-given right of every human being. If you do not have life, you certainly cannot enjoy liberty or pursue happiness.

Unfortunately, our God-given right to life in America has been undermined in our "culture of death." More innocent human beings are put to death every day than those who died in the 9/11 attacks – 3,000. Abortion ends the lives of more than 1.2 million unborn children in America every year. Fully 22% of all pregnancies end in abortion.

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Pray that dignity of every human life will be respected and protected - at every age and stage of life from conception to natural death (Prov. 24:11-12). Visit prolifeapp.com for a “Prayer App” specifically designed to pray for the unborn.

Stay Informed about Threats to the God-Given Right to Life – Sign up for the Washington Update at www.FRC.org .

Take Action – Make an impact...for Life!

1. Urge U.S. Representative and Senators to vote to remove all government funding for abortion as well as stop funding for abortion insurance coverage in Obamacare. (H.R. 7 and S. 946). Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121. Or visit www.FRC.org and click on Contact Officials.

2. Educate yourself on Pro-Life arguments: read the best arguments from science, the law, and women’s rights to advance the pro-life case against abortion to your friends, family and neighbors. To find out more about how to promote the pro-life cause in your daily life, check out www.FRC.org/life



3. Support a Pregnancy Care Center in your area. To find out more about these life-affirming ministries to women who are expecting a child, check out FRC’s site: www.apassiontoserve.org.

4. Promote foster care and adoption in your church. Check out www.icareaboutorphans.org, a ministry of Focus on the Family.

5. Advocate for First Amendment religious freedom protections from Obamacare’s HHS mandate, which requires all health care plans to cover drugs which can destroy human embryos and contraceptives even if employers have religious objections. Respecting freedom of religion is a long held American tradition and the government should not impose mandates or laws that forces individuals and employers to violate these beliefs just to hold a job, own a business, or have health insurance. Visit FRC’s website on the HHS mandate, www.FRC.org/mandateresources, to find out more.

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