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Rural Louisiana Does Not Support Tax-Funded Abortions

LA Right to Life and St. John Parish Right to Life Respond to “Listening Tour”

Reserve, LA- On Monday, members of the Obama Administration, including HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, visited Reserve, LA for a “listening tour” with rural Louisiana to discuss health care reform and other issues.

Louisiana Right to Life and St. John Parish Right to Life were present to ask questions and communicate their concerns about health care reform currently being considered in Congress.

Bryan Beauchamp, President of St. John Parish Right to Life, said the following, “We are certainly grateful that the Obama Administration would take time to listen to the thoughts of Louisianians in St. John Parish. **However, if rural Louisiana is in agreement on anything, it is that we are opposed to health care reform that mandates tax-funded abortion.**”

Benjamin Clapper, Executive Director of Louisiana Right to Life, added the following comments, “While we understand that health care must be reformed, Louisiana Right to Life Federation strongly opposes the current legislation in Congress (supported by the members of the Obama Administration) because it mandates tax-funded abortion and rationed health care.”

“In fact, the Senate HELP Committee defeated pro-life amendments last week on party-line votes that would have safeguarded health care reform legislation from tax-funded abortion and rationed health care.”

Clapper concluded, ***“Unless abortion coverage and rationed care are explicitly excluded in the language of any legislation, we believe the passage of health care reform will be the greatest expansion of abortion and euthanasia since Roe v. Wade in 1973.”***

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Louisiana Right to Life Federation (LARTL), established in 1970, works through education and legislation to restore the right to life in Louisiana by opposing abortion, euthanasia, and other life destroying actions.

