

December 4, 2024

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader-designee
United States Senate

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
United States House of Representatives

Dear Leader-designee (Name) and Speaker Johnson,

On the second anniversary of the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, we launched the [Blueprint for Life Coalition](#), an alliance of more than 20 national pro-life groups and advocates committed to defending life by providing for vulnerable children and their parents. Our coalition's [central policy platform](#), called the "Blueprint for Life," provides a clear path forward for policymakers to increase support for new parents and their children.¹ As members of this coalition, we write today to urge you to prioritize policies in the 119th Congress focused on defending the dignity of life and the needs of vulnerable families in our nation.

Millions of low-income and working-class parents are faced with the daunting and ever-increasing costs of raising a child. Nationwide polling consistently shows that one of the key reasons parents delay or fear childbearing, or even choose to have an abortion, is because of financial strain and related instability. This should not be the case. Millions of young parents are raising the next generation of fathers and mothers, citizens, workers, and taxpayers who will continue to strengthen and build our great nation. Being pro-life includes advocating both against abortion and for a culture of life that ensures families have the resources, opportunities, and environment needed to support their children. There is no time in parenting when these resources are more needed, or more scarce, than in the early child-raising years.

We urge you to prioritize policies that protect life and strengthen families in this coming Congress, and ***particularly the many legislative proposals promoting timely expansion of the Child Tax Credit and provision of Paid Family Leave.*** These policies will provide crucial support for families in our nation, allowing struggling parents to maintain connection to the workforce while raising their kids and ensuring children have the flexible resources they need to grow and thrive. They are also incredibly popular across the political spectrum, sending a strong message to the American people: Our leaders agree that families are the backbone of our nation, and they will be prioritized as such.

As a new Congress approaches, you have an opportunity to set a transformative agenda that improves the lives of American families and vulnerable children. The millions of pro-life

¹ <https://www.blueprintforlifecoalition.com/>

advocates we represent are eager to support policies offered by this Congress that advance the cause of life and family. We urge you to put forward an agenda worth defending.

Sincerely,

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