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“When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I’ve often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God — and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there’ll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world — and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, ‘Spare him, because he loved us,’ — and God will look at you and say not, ‘Did you succeed?’ but ‘Did you try?’”

Congressman Henry Hyde

therefore

The most important thing that you can do is to become personally involved. Unless you do, nothing will change.

Educate yourself and others

Start by reading pro-life materials. Commit to reading at least one piece of educational material every month. Share your newfound knowledge with family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and members of your church. Don't assume that, because someone is a religious person, they already have this information.

Lobby your elected officials

One of the most effective ways to reach an elected official is to send a brief, hand-written letter. Make it factual, respectful and calm. Clearly state what it is you are requesting from them, i.e., a vote for pro-life legislation or a vote against a pro-abortion bill. This is a **highly** effective tool that is often underestimated by pro-life people. Mail letters to your federal elected officials at the following addresses:

Honorable Senator _____
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Congressman _____
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Or phone them by calling the Capitol Hill switchboard at (202) 224-3121. You can often avoid the expense of a long distance call by phoning a local office in your town. Look for their last name in the phone book. Don't forget to lobby your local and state elected officials also.

Letters to the editor

This section of your local paper is one of the most widely read. Be brief — usually 200 words or less is required. Be factual, respectful and calm. Many people formulate opinions based on the comments of others.

Use this opportunity to educate, persuade and motivate those in your community. Also write to your radio and TV stations.

Collect items

needed by pregnant women and their babies, such as baby and maternity clothes, cribs, car seats, toys, etc. These can be used by the local Pregnancy Help Center. Look under abortion or abortion alternatives in your local yellow pages to contact them.

Volunteer your time.

Pregnancy Help Centers have a wide assortment of jobs you can do besides counseling. In addition, your local right to life chapter is **always** in need of volunteers. Jobs vary from stuffing envelopes to lobbying elected officials, and everything in between. Call them to see which job suits your talents. Look under "R" in the phone book for Right to Life.

Vote.

Nothing will change unless **you** do. Remember that any candidate for public office who permits, supports, or wants you to pray for the direct killing of almost every third baby conceived in America is simply disqualified from holding public office.

Support our efforts financially.

Most everything we do to protect the lives of unborn babies and their mothers requires financial resources. When you financially support the pro-life movement, you become a partner in the effort to protect innocent human life. There are few investments that provide such a wonderful return! Henry Hyde is clearly also speaking of such tangible support.

Utilize other pro-life organizations.

Volumes of pro-life resources are only a click away on the World Wide Web. Take advantage of what they have to offer. Some of these include:

www.lifeissues.org
www.abortionfacts.com
www.prolifeinfo.org
www.nrlc.org
www.ohiolife.org

Pray

as if everything depends upon it — it does. Pray that God will stay His hand. Even though we, as a nation, may not deserve His help and mercy, pray that He will extend it.

Now that you're aware of things you can do to help save the lives of unborn babies, I hope that you will move into action. If you and I don't help the babies, who will?

“The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.”

Thomas Jefferson
“To Republican Citizens
of Wash, County Maryland.”
March 3 1, 1809

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