



CPO Update

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FOCA: Tax-payer-funded abortions just one of many abominable items on the agenda

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Since the Roe v. Wade decision in 1973, pro-life advocates have fought to regain protection for the unborn (amongst others). Unfortunately, many laws which were formed as a result could become null and void with the passing of the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), which has been reintroduced and endorsed by President Barack Obama. In fact, Obama promised in July 2007 he would sign the Freedom of Choice Act "first" as President. Although it has not exactly been the first item on the new President's agenda, "rest- assured" it

is on the agenda and near the top.

The implications of FOCA passing include nullifying, as mentioned, hundreds of federal and state laws which protect women, children, born and unborn. Even protections which the majority of Americans agree with such as the Partial Birth Abortion of 2003 would be nullified. It also rids of laws which protect the tax-payer from funding abortions. Laws which protect young women including informed consent and parental consent laws are also at stake. The items

mentioned only begin to explicate the amount of damage the passing of FOCA would invoke. Each and every pro-lifer should be encouraged to look deeper into FOCA by reading the full document. Go to: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>. Search for "H.R.1964" or "S.1173".

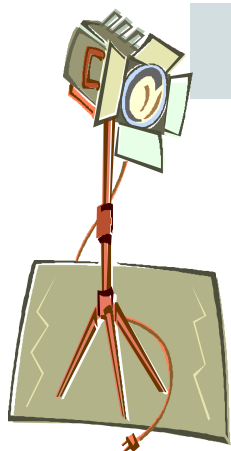
KS residents can go to <http://www.ipsr.ku.edu/ksdata/vote/> to find U.S. Congressional representatives. Please ask your reps to oppose FOCA.

Information for this article from The National Institute of Family & Life Advocates' Dec 2008 Legal Tips.

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Spotlight on CPO Volunteer: Elaine Garrett



CPO volunteer Elaine Garrett of Carbondale, Kansas, can be found caring for clients on Wednesday mornings. Her involvement in the ministry started nearly five years ago in August 2004. After retiring from full-time work at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas, she decided to volunteer at Caring Pregnancy Options. When asked why she chose to give time to CPO, she said her strong feelings against abortion led her to do so. She loves Caring Pregnancy Options for its Christian foundation, its ministry, and the opportunity to work with great people and clients; she feels rewarded being a part of it all.

Beyond volunteer work are Elaine's family, church involvement, and hobbies. Elaine and her husband, Tom, have been married fifty years. They have three children and six grandchildren. She and Tom attend Grace Community Church in Overbrook where Elaine occasionally helps with treasurer duties as well as Wednesday night children's activities. In addition to the church work, Elaine calls herself a "jack of all trades" because of her creative hobbies which include writing, painting, sewing and woodworking. She says she even "dabbles" in scrapbooking.