

AAF: CBO Is WRONG – Defunding Planned Parenthood Won't Cost Taxpayers Money

TOPLINE: With pro-life majorities in Congress and DOGE sniffing around for waste, fraud, and abuse, the Washington Swamp is circling the wagons to protect Planned Parenthood's taxpayer funding. Their leading argument is Malthusian nonsense: that defunding Planned Parenthood would "cost money!" Conservatives must not fall for this long-debunked pro-abortion argument.

CBO Score: Defunding Planned Parenthood would cost \$130 million over 10 years.

- CBO estimates that defunding Planned Parenthood would save thousands of babies' lives per year, increasing Medicaid spending on childbirth and other federal programs that provide for newborns.
 - o Read CBO's Report Yourself: <u>CBO Budgetary Effects of Legislation That Would Permanently Prohibit the Availability of Federal Funds to Planned Parenthood.</u>
- CBO isn't alone. President Biden's Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen <u>argued</u> in a Senate Hearing that abortion is good for the economy.
 - o Watch: Losing abortion rights would have 'damaging effects' on economy Yellen

Here's the Truth: Killing Babies Costs the Economy TRILLIONS of Dollars.

• In June of 2022, Sen. Mike Lee and the Joint Economic Committee <u>issued</u> a report debunking the absurd claim that abortion is good for the economy.

The report found that:

- o The economic cost of aborting 630,000 babies in 2019 was at least \$6.9 trillion.
- o "The economic cost of abortion due to the loss of unborn lives is 425x the earnings loss mothers would be expected to incur when having a child"
- o Abortion "shrinks the labor force, stunts innovation, and limits economic growth."
 - **Read More:** The Economic Cost of Abortion.

BOTTOMLINE: Abortion is first and foremost a moral issue. Killing babies is wrong. However, if one must resort to an economic argument not to kill babies, the math is simple. More babies equals more future taxpayers equals more revenue. The idea that we must kill babies to "save money" is sick. Once you do the math, taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood costs taxpayers more money!

Congress has two upcoming opportunities to defund Planned Parenthood. First, the rapidly approaching March 14th funding deadline. Second, through a reconciliation package. Meanwhile, DOGE should thoroughly investigate Planned Parenthood for waste, fraud, and abuse.

Ultimately, Pro-Life Members of Congress must disregard CBO's backwards scoring and stand up for the unborn by defunding Planned Parenthood once and for all.