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Fair - Town Times just emailed me about a short column (375 words or less) for their August edition. What do you think about taking the PP oped and shortening it:

Abortion Funding: A Single Penny is a Penny Too Much

Imagine someone murdering little children and then joking about how they did it. Well that is exactly what attendees of the 2014 and 2015 National Abortion Federation conventions did in an alleged video that has recently surfaced. The content of their conversations is shocking, disgusting, and repellent to me and millions of Americans.

In this video, a Planned Parenthood employee says that an unborn child “is a tough little object” and “very difficult” to dismember. An ACLU lawyer complained about the difficulty of breaking a tiny skull-- and the audience laughed. And a Planned Parenthood official discussed the sale of the tissue of these murdered children by saying, “the truth is that some might want to do it ... to increase their revenues. And we can’t stop them.”

I hate what these people do to children, and their vocabulary reflects their total desensitization to the miracle of human life. I pray that someday God will touch their hearts and children will be saved, but until then, I will fight them at every turn.

The truth is that abortion facilities in our state, including Planned Parenthood, receive your money. Planned Parenthood alone received almost \$360,000 from the taxpayer between 2011 and 2016. That money, your money, enhanced their ability to take innocent, young lives.

In South Carolina, abortion providers, like Planned Parenthood, have potential access to three sources of taxpayer funds.

The first is Medicaid Title X sub-grants. The second is funds through Medicaid reimbursements for health services supplied by abortion providers. For example, from 2011-2015 South Carolina Medicaid paid for 29 abortions. Similarly, the third source of funding comes from reimbursements from the state employee health plan which has reimbursed providers for 11 abortions since 2011.

I cannot tolerate your taxpayer dollars facilitating the murder of children. A single penny for any service is a penny too much to fund an abortion provider because regardless of the service, funding to these providers supports abortion. We can stop it in South Carolina, and that should be the priority for all of us.

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