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NATIONAL HEALTH CARE Mandating Tax Funding for Abortions

By J. C. Wilke, M.D.

President Obama's proposed health bill has two frightening goals. One, it mandates, either directly or indirectly, universal tax funding for all abortions for any reason. More broadly, it would impose the failed Canadian-style socialized medicine on our entire nation.

Before he was elected, Barack Obama stated, "In my mind, reproductive care [abortion] is essential care, basic care, so it is at the center, the heart of the plan that I propose." It has become increasingly obvious that he will leave no stone unturned to achieve his anti-life goals. This would ultimately require workers, employers and all taxpayers to fund abortion-on-demand through universal "health" abortion coverage.

But his *Affordable Health Choices Act* doesn't even mention abortion. They learned their lesson through the rather dramatic failure of Hillary Clinton's socialized medicine proposal one-and-a-half decades ago. This new bill creates a Medical Advisory Council which will make all decisions. But who appoints the members of this Council? It is none other than the aggressively pro-abortion, Kathleen Sebelius, now Secretary of Health and Human Services. Further, Secretary Sebelius would have the authority to impose any and all such regulations that she feels would "improve" the health of the nation.

We are told that those who have current private plans will be able to keep them, but it is not that simple. If you

change jobs or move to another state you will have to switch to a recognized, qualifying plan. Who decides what a qualifying plan is? Surprise, it's the Medical Advisory Council. Also, as your children mature and sign up for their own policies, they will only be offered the ones acceptable to the Medical Advisory Council.

And what if you operate a church, religious school or non-profit organization? There is nothing in the proposed bill that would give your employees a right to carry a policy that excludes abortion. Recent polls show that over 80% of Americans are satisfied with and want to keep their current private health insurance policies, many of which do not cover abortion. Little by little, as the above groups move, change their policies and get new ones, the traditional private policies will wither, and eventually every American will be forced to enroll in the compulsory, government socialized medicine.

Another negative is if a specific test will help, but the new government rules won't pay for it, you may decide to do the test and pay for it yourself. Sorry, the new government plan makes such private pay illegal.

But What about Canada?

The Canadian medical scheme is being held up by this administration as a success and one to imitate, but don't get too sick in Canada. Canadians wait an average of eighteen weeks for ordinary surgery,

thirty-eight weeks for orthopedic surgery and twenty-seven weeks for neurosurgery. If you need an implantable defibrillator to prevent a fatal heart attack, the wait is so long doctors often do not even bother to apply. Children wait months and sometimes a year for a tonsillectomy, to have tubes put in their ears and other needs.

And special tests? As a physician, I recall, years ago, when we installed our third CT scanner in Cincinnati, there were only three such scanners in all of Canada. Now there are more, but there is a waiting time. You will wait seventy-two days for a CT scan and over 230 days for an MRI. If you are a cancer patient and need a PET scan, sorry, there are only a few and they are being used in clinical trials. South of the border your wait is about one week, and for a CT scan it is done immediately if needed. But note that for a CT or an MRI in Canada there is an exception to the above. If your dog is in major trouble, your veterinarian can have a CT scan done within one day.

Another answer for Canadian citizens is to leave the country. Up to one-third of them have stated they would be willing to spend their own money to come to the US to have such care when it is, for all practical purposes, unavailable in Canada.

A personal observation might be in order. Our daughter practices internal medicine in a suburb of Cincinnati. She and her two partners practice good medicine, but probably not much different in

An Abortionist Killed

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Today

with J.C. Willke, MD



George Tiller

“50 million babies killed during the same years”

The last abortionist who was shot and killed was Barnett Slepian in 1998. This time it was George Tiller, commonly known in pro-life circles as “Tiller the Killer.” While attending services in a liberal Lutheran Church, a single assailant shot him in the head and killed him. Not surprising, the liberal press had a field day canonizing him and painting all pro-lifers with the brush of terrorism.

In reality, the pro-life reaction was instantaneous and unanimous. All representative, legitimate pro-life groups and leaders unequivocally condemned the act. The one exception was Randall Terry, whose reaction was much more

muted. It is noted that Tiller had previously attended a Missouri Synod Lutheran Church and had been excommunicated because of his abortion activities. This much more liberal Lutheran Church (ELCA) had then accepted him as a member. Note also that the Kansas Board of Healing Arts was in the midst of an investigation of his activity. Predictions were that he would be convicted of illegal late-term abortions and his license would be revoked. Had the killer not intervened, this legal removal would have been accomplished. During his “career” he had killed more than 60,000 developing babies with a significant percentage of them being healthy, late-term babies.

As a veteran who has seen four other abortionists killed over the years, your author was pleased that this time,

with the one exception, there was no pro-life equivocation about immediately condemning this action. However, you would not have known that because of the outpouring of condemnation of the entire pro-life movement by the liberal press.

An investigation of the assailant found him to be a lone wolf with no connection to any pro-life group.

Previous abortionists killed include David Gunn in 1993 and John Britton in 1994, both of Pensacola, Florida. A nurse was also killed in Birmingham, Alabama in 1998.

Compare these five unfortunate deaths to 50 million babies killed during the same years. It is quite obvious that the pro-life movement is by any measure the most peaceful, loving movement in US history. Rather than pointing a critical finger at it for this (unrelated) killing, we should stand in awe at its non-violence. By ordinary human standards, considering the emotions and personal devastation caused by many abortions, it’s amazing that there haven’t been more abortionists killed. 🌀

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quality than hundreds of other similar physicians in our area. Yet, she has a slow but constant stream of Europeans and Canadians flying into our medium-size city and coming to her group for proper care, which they cannot obtain back home and for which they are willing to pay cash.

In Canada, non-acute cases wait in line, but aren't emergencies taken care of? Here is a media report from Toronto a few weeks ago, "Every night neurosurgeons are on call in a handful of hospitals in Toronto. They field calls from physicians across the city and the province. These doctors desperately need to transfer patients and often minutes count, for instance in a patient with a brain hemorrhage. But very frequently inadequate resources block the door. There is no bed left in the intensive care unit. Other hospitals are called. Time is wasted and sometimes as a life-saving measure the patient is sent to Buffalo, New York, where beds and care are readily available."

President Obama would bring all Americans into a socialized medical scheme, but before mimicking Canada and Europe, we should look more closely at these countries. If so, we will find that in many ways they are now turning away from government medicine and back to private care. In the Canadian province of British Columbia, private clinics now perform 80% of government-funded diagnostic testing. In Britain, commenting on its socialized medicine scheme, the labor government's spokesperson recently said, "The big trouble with the state monopoly is that it builds in massive inefficiencies and an inward looking culture." In an attempt to remedy some of this built-in culture, the private sector in Britain now provides about 5% of its non-emergency procedures and the current socialist labor government hopes to triple that.

What is the Cost?

Originally President Obama estimated the cost at over 600 billion dollars. Now everyone agrees it is more than 1 trillion with other astute observers like Senator Hatch saying it will exceed 1.5 trillion. In

addition to this, Mr. Obama's plans call for adding nutrition counseling, obesity screening, wellness programs, in-school physical fitness, more nutritious school lunches, bike paths, walking paths and the establishment of grocery stores in underserved areas. Where is all this money coming from? Apparently, from government printing presses, increasingly suffocating taxes and, (hold your breath) 400 billion dollars in cuts to Medicare and Medicaid (which have insufficient funding now).

An interesting aspect of the cost factor is that while expenditures for health care in the US have continued to rise, cost for food, appliances, computers, etc. have dropped so that money previously spent for these other things is now being spent for health care with the overall totals remaining about the same. (*Feb. 2008 report of the National Health Statistics Group of the federal government's Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services*)

Another very telling fact that has recently surfaced is the admission by the architects of the Democrat Health Plan that it would not cover all citizens, but only a portion.

A Proper Solution

It seems obvious that Mr. Obama's plan involves a slow nationwide dumming down of the care that is now available in this country. We are bombarded by repetitious numbers of how many people do not have health insurance in the US. What we are not told is that no one goes without care. These people go to a hospital emergency room for care. This, however, is extremely inefficient. Government bureaucrats in these other countries have cut costs, but only by shrinking access to health care and in many cases, creating nightmares of overflowing emergency rooms and year-long waits for treatment.

Does America need a better model? Yes, but let's not look to Canada or most of Europe. In other fields such as telecommunications, retail, deregulation and market competition have driven prices down and driven quality and productivity up. Health care is long overdue for the

same treatment. For too long we have been locked into having most of our workers get their health care through payroll deductions at their places of employment. This has sharp limitations of quality, portability and accessibility. We must de-couple health insurance from payroll deductions and transfer it directly to each family.

We need more freedom, rather than more government, in the American health care system. The need has never been greater. Reform should begin by allowing people to own their own health insurance, certainly not by a government bureaucracy managing a compulsory, inefficient and inevitably rationed government program. So the answer is shifting the cost from the level of the provider down to the individual and family level. Everyone should be able to get a defined level of basic health insurance but through a different mechanism. A scheme that would give to each citizen a certain sum of money with which they would obtain private care might well be the solution. If you manage your own care, you would be able to keep the dollars that you didn't spend because you would do it more efficiently. If each year, a person was delegated such a sum which they could save in a segregated account, they might think twice before going to the emergency room for a minor problem. They just might be able to seek out a cheaper care giver. If such funds would accumu-

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THE AMISTAD *Journey*

with **PHILL KLINE**

A New Project by Life Issues Institute

The pro-life movement has consistently focused on strengthening state laws to restrict abortion, protect children—both born and unborn—and inform women of the dangers and harm caused by abortion. The movement, however, has never focused on the enforcement of those laws until now.

Phill Kline, as Attorney General of Kansas, became the first prosecutor ever to receive abortion records from Planned Parenthood, the nation's one billion dollar abortion giant. The records provided evidence that resulted in a District Court Judge finding probable cause to believe Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri committed 107 violations of Kansas law, including 23 felonies.

For his efforts, Mr. Kline was viciously assaulted by the abortion-aligned *Kansas City Star* and major Kansas media. Planned Parenthood, which stood to lose \$350 million-plus of annual federal funding if Mr. Kline's charges resulted in conviction, spent millions to malign Phill and remove him from office. The pro-abortion Kansas Supreme Court repeatedly interfered with Kline's investigation but had no legal basis to stop him. The Court became so desperate to delay Phill's efforts until he was out of office, that the Court, without notifying him, simply ordered a key witness to Planned Parenthood's criminal conduct into silence. His charges against Planned Parenthood are still on the books as the Kansas Supreme Court struggles on how to explain its order silencing the witness or decides to lift the order now that Phill Kline is out of office and cannot personally forward the prosecution.

Now, Phill Kline has brought his legislative, legal and leadership experience and skills to Life Issues Institute with The Amistad Journey.

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J.C. Willke, MD, Phill Kline and Bradley Mattes

Mr. Kline is uniquely qualified to lead the effort to ensure our nation's laws, designed to protect children from abuse, restrict late-term abortion and protect parental rights, are enforced and protected. Demonstrating courage and vision, Phill Kline is ready to lead the pro-life movement onto a new field of battle.

On August 26th, 1839 the Spanish schooner, The Amistad (meaning "Friendship") was seized by a US Naval vessel off of Long Island and escorted to New London, Connecticut. On board where 53 slaves recently kidnapped from Africa who revolted on board and took control of the ship. Their landing on American shore initiated a multi-year judicial fight for their freedom. In their path stood the Spanish government and the President of the United States, Martin Van Buren, who to forward his re-election efforts fought to have the kidnapped Africans sent to Spain and executed for their revolt. Former President John Quincy Adams took up the legal cause for the Africans and on February 22, 1841, the Court ordered the

Africans freed and returned to Africa. The Amistad victory was 19 years prior to the Civil War, 24 years prior to the 13th Amendment prohibiting slavery and 123 years before the *Civil Rights Act* of 1964 banned racial discrimination in public buildings.

We do not know how long it will take before the truth of the cause of life prevails in American law and culture. We do, however, know that this cause cannot prevail without our standing for truth. We invite you to join Life Issues Institute and Phill Kline in a journey to return the rule of law, reveal the truth about the abortion industry and restore a culture of life.

Phill Kline is now also a Visiting Professor of Law at Liberty University School of Law in Lynchburg, Virginia. He resides in Amherst, Virginia with his wife Deborah and 17 year-old daughter Hillary. 🌐



Maafa 21

**Black Genocide
in 21st Century
America**

By Arnold M. Culbreath
Urban Outreach Director

Life Dynamics, Inc. has just released a new pro-life documentary entitled: *Maafa 21 — Black Genocide in 21st Century America*. Maafa is a Swahili word meaning an incredibly horrendous tragedy, including the almost 250 years during which Blacks were held in the bondage of slavery. The film takes its viewers on a journey through a dark dimension of the American story, exploring compelling connections between slavery, colonization, Darwin, Eugenics, sterilization, birth control, and finally, abortion.

Maafa 21 uncovers the sinister strategies of those who wanted to eradicate Blacks from the American landscape. It exposes the reality that the Eugenics movement's original plans to eliminate Blacks by abortion continues to decimate the Black community in America today, hence, the term Black Genocide. In spite of Planned Parenthood's and the abortion industry's shrewd attempts to market themselves as a friend to women and their unborn children, this documentary exposes them as the fox in the hen house they really are. Upon viewing the high-quality production, the scope of the material covered and the exhaustive list of citations in the closing credits, it is not hard to understand why this project took several years to complete.

Life Issues Institute highly recommends this DVD and strongly encourages every American to watch it, especially every Black American who is really serious about the protection and preservation of life within the African American community. While we are convinced that *Maafa 21* will open your eyes and break your heart, it is our hope that it also compels you to become more involved in helping to protect the more than 1,200 Black babies who die by abortion in America every day.

Here are a few practical ways to use this very effective educational tool:

1. Purchase the DVD and view it multiple times in order to become thoroughly familiar with its contents.
2. Host a public or private viewing and encourage dialog afterward.

3. Give a copy to your pastor or priest. Follow up with them after they have had an opportunity to watch it. Ascertain what they plan to do in response to what they've seen and heard.
4. Mail copies to your local and national elected officials and follow up with them after they have had an opportunity to watch it. Ascertain what they plan to do in response to what they've seen and heard. Hold them accountable for their efforts, or lack of effort, to protect the unborn and their families. Look at their records. Do not merely listen to their words. Never underestimate the impact your feedback can have on your elected officials.
5. Purchase copies for family and friends.

To view a trailer and purchase the DVD please visit www.maafa21.com

Full feature DVD length: Approx. 140 minutes

Cost: \$10-20 online, depending on quantity ordered

Life Issues Institute's Urban Outreach project, Protecting Black Life, is available to assist you in reaching the African American community in your area with the pro-life message. You may contact us at 513.729.3600 or info@protectingblacklife.org



Pro-Life Gov. Sarah Palin: A Profile In Courage

By Dave Andrusko

When pro-life Alaskan Gov. Sarah Palin announced she would be leaving office—with over a year remaining on her first term—the operative word of the moment for commentators was “shocked.” The operative word after that first hour was vituperation. And it’s gone downhill from there.

Like you, I am not privy to Gov. Palin’s plans. Like most of you, I admire Sen. McCain’s 2008 running mate for a dozen different reasons. And like all of you, I am in awe of her courage, compassion and sheer toughness.

Everybody has their pet theory why the Media Elite (and its comrades-in-arms, the pro-abortion leadership of the Democratic Party) loathe Gov. Palin so.

Some say it’s because she is the most charismatic Republican to come down the pike in a long, long time. Thus, the need to assassinate her character in order to weaken her.

Others say it’s because Palin is a mortal threat to an all-consuming orthodoxy that brooks no dissent—that is, who is allowed to be considered a genuine “female politician.” The pro-abortion matrix comprised of the aging feminist apparatus and kindred souls in the Democratic Party and the “mainstream media” have decreed the criteria a woman must meet in order to campaign for national office.

It most definitely does not include a woman who did not attend the

“best schools,” whose values are closer to the average American’s than that of 99.9% of her critics, and surely not a woman who refused to abort her baby when she discovered he would have Down syndrome, let alone refused to hide her unmarried teenage daughter when she became pregnant.

The hypocrisy is so thick that even as commentators continue to sharpen their pick axes, occasionally they’ve grudgingly conceded that just maybe there had been a touch of the “politics of personal destruction.” You think?

As I mentioned to my wife this morning (for the umpteenth time), I know a lot of very, very tough people, the kind whose life experiences have been so demanding that I am overwhelmed just thinking about what they went through. But I honestly don’t know that any of them could have withstood the kind of onslaught Palin and her family have been subjected to with their sanity intact.

When it comes to how the media treated (first) candidate Barack Obama and (now) President Obama, I will not belabor the obvious discrepancy. ...Okay, let me belabor it just a bit.

Bob Beckel ran Walter Mondale’s galactically unsuccessful 1984 presidential campaign and is now a commentator on Fox News. He is no fan of Palin—far from it—but admitted this morning that if comedian David Letterman had gone after a female Democratic candidate in the gutter-level manner he’d ridiculed the Palin family, he’d be looking for work.

America’s media elite deride, mock, vilify, and demean not just Palin, but her husband, her children, and her grandchild, and then if Palin says “boo,” she is “whining” and filled with “self-pity.” They verbally tear her limb from limb and then announce that her “behavior” (leaving office) reflects badly on other “female politicians.” Wouldn’t a more objective source say it more clearly reflects badly on the wretched opinion-making set than it does on Palin?

These remarks wouldn’t be complete if I did not at least mention that the word “petty” (not to mention double standard) just cannot do justice to the trivia the media uses to bash Palin. If I had a dollar for every time they made sport of Palin for not sounding verbally adroit—or for misspelling a word on Facebook—I could make a serious dent in our trillion dollar national debt. But at the time they are trouncing Palin, Obama cannot utter two coherent sentences in a row without a Teleprompter and rarely, if ever, gets called on it.

Gov. Palin has demonstrated that she is tougher than nails, and thus doesn’t need such (unsolicited) advice from the likes of me. But there it is anyway.

There are countless millions of Americans, like me, who admire you more than words can convey. In the words of the immortal Howard Cosell, your critics are firing spitballs at a battleship. You are a preeminent example of grace under fire. 🌀

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late over a person’s lifetime, many people would be able to retire with significant sums of money which could then be used to help secure their later years. Obviously, there would have to be some additional provision for catastrophic expenses.

In summary then, we probably don’t have all the alternative answers yet. What is obvious, however, is that the pro-

posed compulsory health plan from Obama would not solve the problem. Rather it would be counterproductive, as it would stifle and all but eliminate medical research and progress. It would give us the long waiting lists we find in other socialized countries, and many more people would die while on interminable waiting lists. Importantly, if the President has his way, it

will fund unlimited abortion-on-demand and the number of unborn babies being killed will skyrocket.

With due concern, research and detail let’s explore other ways to correct some of the obvious problems that now exist, but let’s do it within a mantle of personal freedom as well as protection for the most vulnerable among us. 🌀



B r a d l e y M a t t e s



The Woman Who Started it All

I recently got an unexpected phone call from a pro-life voice of the past. It was Nancyjo Mann. For those who've been in the pro-life movement for decades, like Dr. Willke and me, her name alone conjures up memories. If you don't know who Nancyjo is, you should.

If you're a woman who's experienced abortion and sought counsel or spoken out against its harmful effects, your ability to do so was in part made possible by Nancyjo. Let me explain.

Nearly 10 years after the Supreme Court legalized abortion, women who had experienced the horrors of abortion still only spoke out if their identities were protected. They feared a negative reaction from society. Nancyjo was the first mother of an aborted child to publicly take the national stage in the abortion debate.

In 1982, Dr. Willke was speaking in Iowa Falls, Iowa. It was a particularly cold winter night, but there had been a good turnout in the gymnasium. The crowd had dispersed and Dr. Willke had packed up his books and literature, looking forward to laying his weary head on a warm, soft pillow. But Bob Dopf, a local pro-life leader, excitedly came up to him and said, "You've got to hear what this young lady has to say!" Dr. Willke politely declined, saying his early flight out of Cincinnati and the long day of lecturing and media interviews had left him exhausted. But Bob insisted and he reluctantly agreed. In walked a young twenty-something woman. She certainly didn't fit the typical description of a pro-lifer in the early eighties. She had hair dyed in a purple punk look and her attire was anything but conventional.

Nancyjo Mann quietly began her story of having a late-term saline or salt-

poison abortion. This is the process of using a very long needle to draw out amniotic fluid surrounding the baby, and replacing it with a strong, burning salt solution. This gruesome procedure isn't used very much now because of a dreaded complication for the abortionists—about once a day somewhere in the United States a baby was being born alive—maimed but alive. Gianna Jesson is a well-known pro-life speaker who survived such an abortion procedure.

In Nancyjo's case her little girl, whom she had to deliver herself, was stillborn, but she felt her violently thrash in the womb for an hour-and-a-half before succumbing to a horrible death. Nancyjo not only suffered unfathomable psychological damage, the so-called safe and legal abortion left her butchered. The abortionist had amputated her cervix and left part of the placenta in her womb. It resulted in a complete hysterectomy and several follow-up surgeries to reconstruct her ravaged body.

In the early eighties, Nancyjo didn't even know there was a pro-life movement. She only knew that she wanted to speak to other women about her experience. She wanted to warn them of the emotional and physical cost of abortion.

When she finished her story in the quiet gymnasium on that cold winter night, those who listened were crying. Dr. Willke gently asked, "Nancyjo, what can we do to help you?" She responded that she wanted to reach other women before it was too late for them. The National Right to Life annual convention was soon coming up in Cherry Hill, New Jersey and, as the organization's president, he asked if she would be comfortable telling her story to an audience of over 1,000 pro-life advocates. She said yes, and the rest is history. The response of

those at the convention was an outpouring of love and acceptance. It began an earnest national awakening to the plight of aborted women.

I remember seeing her in the halls of the convention facility, decked out in her purple hair, long-feather earrings and provocative dress. Nancyjo was just being Nancyjo, the lead vocalist of Barnabas, a Christian metal rock band, which enjoyed a high level of success.

Immediately after the convention, Dr. Willke took her to Washington, DC to meet Congressman Henry Hyde of Illinois. Soon thereafter, she founded Women Exploited by Abortion (WEBA). Her story not only captivated members of congress and pro-life leaders, it drew the attention of the media. In part it was her unconventional appearance and style. In part it was her heart wrenching story.

Now at 56, Nancyjo again feels led to offer herself in the effort to help women and end abortion. During our recent phone conversation, she filled me in on her life to date. She has overcome some enormous challenges that would have stopped most individuals in their tracks.

So I invited her to Cincinnati to be a guest on my weekly TV program, *Facing Life Head-On*. Nancyjo's life is a fitting description of the program's title. My producers and I hope to capture on camera some powerful moments as she and Dr. Willke get reacquainted. It's a program you won't want to miss.

Hopefully, a new generation of pro-lifers will get to know a woman whose life didn't end after being brutalized by the abortion industry. Nancyjo paved the way for millions of other women—also victims of abortion—to be silent no more. 🌀

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Technology is enabling us to reach a larger and larger segment of America's population with the truth about abortion and its consequences for our nation. With every added person reached, we change more hearts and minds for LIFE. That's one of the reasons Life Issues Institute is on Facebook. We can immediately update our online network of friends with the latest happenings and developments on the life issues. Visit www.facebook.com, search for Life Issues Institute and then become a "fan" which will enable us to share this information with you. You can also post your own comments for others to read. It's a great opportunity to learn and share at the same time! And please tell others.

Periodically, Bradley Mattes sends a personal email update to those wanting to have the inside scoop on things. He's careful not to inundate you with unwanted emails, but sends the updates only when the situation warrants. This valuable resource is available to whoever subscribes at www.lifeissues.org. Sign up for your free subscription today. And don't worry. Your privacy is important to us. We will NEVER share your email or other contact information.

Finally, we'd like to make sure you're aware of the latest social networking site for pro-life teens. It's www.TeensForLife.com. This is one of the best websites for America's youth and is desperately needed to counter the abortion industry's efforts to target your children and grandchildren.

So there you have it! Three great ways to use technology in your efforts to protect innocent human life.

Please help make others aware of these free online resources. The more they're used, the more lives we can save. Sometimes saving unborn babies is only a click away! 

