



## Dan Coats - A Strong Record Protecting the Sanctity of Human Life

“Coats is strongly against abortion -- a leader on the fetal tissue research ban, an opponent of RU-486 and the Henry Foster for surgeon general nomination.” – *Almanac of American Politics*

- Original co-sponsor of the **Constitutional Amendment to respect the right to life** (1981)
- Joined Henry Hyde in successfully prohibiting Federal involvement in the performance of abortions, except when the life of the mother would be endangered if the child were carried to term (1984 & 1987)
- Fought for **informed consent** and **fetal pain legislation** (1984 & 1985)
- Worked to remove the benefits of tax-exempt status for organizations performing abortions (1985, 1987, 1989)
- Opposed the forced abortion policies of China (1985)
- Supported the effort to declare that all human beings, from the moment of conception and without regard to age, health, or condition of dependency, are persons entitled to the guarantees contained in the fifth, 13th, and 14th amendments to the Constitution (1988)
- Authored bill to prohibit funding state programs where abortion is a method of family planning (1989)
- Ensured in cases where emergency international aid was being provided to post-Soviet Union countries that money not be used for abortion (1990)
- Successfully amended title X of the Public Health Service Act to make entities receiving grants provide **parental notification** in the case of minor patients requesting an abortion (1991)
- Introduced legislation to prohibit governmental discrimination in the training and licensing of health professionals on the basis of the refusal to undergo or provide training in the performance of induced abortions (1995)
- Was one of the original and consistent supporters of the **Partial Birth Abortion Ban** (1995, 1997)
- Introduced the Responsible Parenthood Act of 1995 to promote **abstinence and adoption-related** services while prohibiting the use of funds for family planning services in schools and for programs or projects that provide abortions or abortion counseling or referrals (1995)
- Introduced the **Maternity Shelter Act of 1995** which provided grants for maternity homes and explicitly ensured money was not available to groups performing abortions.
- Was one of six co-sponsors to the successful amendment to the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program to **prohibit taxpayer funding for abortions**.
- Explicitly excluded abortion funding in the Project for American Renewal Act (first introduced in 1995)
- Introduced the amendment to prohibit the use of funds for research that utilizes human fetal tissue, cells, or organs that are obtained from a living or dead embryo or fetus during or after an induced abortion (1997)
- Was an original co-sponsor of the legislation to **prohibit taking minors across State lines** to avoid laws requiring the involvement of parents in abortion decisions (1997).
- Was an original co-sponsor to **ban human cloning** (1998)
- Was an original co-sponsor of the **Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act** of 1996 as well as two additional measures in 1997 & 1998.