



Respect Life Office, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Fight FOCA Postcard Campaign, January 24-25, 2009

The Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities has approved a campaign to oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA). The campaign has two main elements: postcards and e-mails. Here are the nuts-and-bolts about the postcard campaign. Information on the e-mail campaign will be sent later.

The Postcard Campaign January 24-25, 2009

The target date to sign the postcards is the weekend of January 24-25, 2009. Three program materials will be available:

- (1) A postcard strip with three postcards -- one to your U.S. Representative and two for your state's two U.S. Senators. The postcard strips will be available in English and Spanish. The postcards are addressed to Capitol Hill.*
- (2) An education/action flier, also available in English and Spanish.
- (3) A parish instruction manual, with Spanish translation of selected texts.

The Challenge

As a new Congress and a new President are sworn in, it is anticipated that pro-life policies will be under unprecedented attack. Pro-abortion groups have been honing the wording of FOCA since 1989. The bill expresses the policies they want to see enacted into law. We must stand up and be heard!

Wording of the Postcard:

At this time of serious national challenges, Americans should unite to serve the good of all, born and unborn. The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), the most radical and divisive pro-abortion bill ever introduced in Congress, would create a "fundamental right" to abortion that government could not limit but would have to support. FOCA would overturn many existing widely-supported policies, including laws protecting parental involvement and conscience rights and those preventing partial-birth abortion and taxpayer funding of abortion.

Please oppose FOCA or any similar measure, and retain laws against federal funding and promotion of abortion.

As your constituent, I would appreciate a written response telling me how you would vote on these matters.

Ordering

The Respect Life Office has ordered the materials in English & Spanish

They will be directly mailed to the parish

They will begin shipping December 15.

Materials will be arriving in the parish's right after New Years.

For more information call Joan at 713-440-3443