**Word of Life: March 2018**

*Recommended dates are provided, but you are welcome to use these materials at any time!*

**Featured this Month…**

**Conscience Protection**

Health care providers and trainees, churches, and others are being forced to participate in abortions or provide coverage for it in their health care plans. Federal conscience laws prohibit such coercion, but these laws continue to be violated—mostly because they don’t provide victims with the ability to defend their rights in court.

In March, Congress will likely decide whether to address the problems in current law by enacting the Conscience Protection Act. **No one should be forced to participate in abortion. Members of Congress need to hear from their constituents. Please help us spread the word!**

**Please consider using one or more on Sunday, March 4 and/or Sunday, March 11.**

1. **Bulletin Graphic(s)**
2. **Bulletin Announcement(s)**

**Option A (95 words):**

Congress needs to hear from us! Health care providers and trainees, churches, and others are being forced to participate in abortion or provide coverage for it in their health care plans. Federal conscience laws prohibit such coercion, but these laws continue to be violated—mostly because they don’t provide victims with the ability to defend their rights in court.

Within a couple weeks, Congress will likely decide whether to improve enforcement of these laws by enacting the Conscience Protection Act. **No one should be forced to participate in abortion. Tell your representatives TODAY at** [**humanlifeaction.org**](http://www.humanlifeaction.org)**!**

**Option B (56 words):**

Health care providers, churches, and others are being forced to participate in abortion or provide coverage for it in their health care plans, in violation of federal conscience laws. Within a couple weeks, Congress will likely decide whether to improve enforcement of these laws by enacting the Conscience Protection Act. **Voice your support TODAY at** [**humanlifeaction.org**](http://www.humanlifeaction.org)**!**

**Option C (40 words):**

Health care providers, churches, and others are being forced to participate in abortion or provide health care coverage for it. Urge Congress to stop this coercion by passing the Conscience Protection Act. **Send your representatives a message TODAY at** [**www.humanlifeaction.org**](http://www.humanlifeaction.org)**!**

**Option D (16 words):** Urge Congress to pass the Conscience Protection Act. Send your representatives a message TODAY at [humanlifeaction.org](http://www.humanlifeaction.org)!

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