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U.S. Supreme Court Upholds South Carolina's Pro-Life Protections in *Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a landmark decision today, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of South Carolina in *Medina v. Planned Parenthood South Atlantic*, affirming the state's right to exclude abortion providers from its state Medicaid program.

"We are grateful the Supreme Court has recognized the right of states to direct taxpayer dollars toward life-affirming healthcare providers," said Tobias. "No one should be forced to subsidize the abortion industry with their tax dollars."

The case centered on South Carolina's decision to terminate Planned Parenthood South Atlantic from its Medicaid program due to its involvement in abortions. The Court ruled that Medicaid functions as a contract between the states and federal governments, and as such, the "any-qualified-provider" provision does not confer a clear and unambiguous individual right.

The Supreme Court's decision also signals a broader shift in the legal landscape following the 2022 *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision, which overturned *Roe v. Wade*. In this new era, states are increasingly empowered to enact and defend laws that protect unborn children and support life-affirming alternatives to abortion.

Pro-life advocates across the nation celebrated the ruling as a decisive legal and moral victory.

"We will continue to advocate for policies that protect the most vulnerable among us," said Tobias. "Today, the Supreme Court stood on the side of life, and we rejoice."

Founded in 1968, the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of affiliates in each of the 50 states and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, National Right to Life works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide, and euthanasia.

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