

Breaking News: Planned Parenthood Granted Stay of Defunding



From our friends at Cincinnati Right to Life:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Cincinnati, OH), May 23, 2016: February 22nd Ohio Governor John Kasich signed House Bill 294 to block abortionists in Ohio from qualifying for five funding programs administered by the Ohio Department of Health.

The bill redirects state-administered grants--approximately \$1.3 million last year--away from Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers.

The law was scheduled to go into effect today, May 23rd, but Planned Parenthood filed suit May 11th in federal court to block it from being enforced.

On Monday, Judge Michael Barrett granted Planned Parenthood a temporary restraining order, blocking the law from being enforced, allegedly till June 6th.

"Planned Parenthood remains legally protected to continue business as usual despite the law," said Paula Westwood, Executive Director Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati. "Any tax funding to an abortion business for any program underwrites its abortion agenda."

Planned Parenthood says the cuts do not close any of its 28 facilities in Ohio, but do reduce funds for some non-abortion programs. The law does not affect Medicaid reimbursements, a large source of government funding, which still goes to this leading abortion chain.