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Planned Parenthood Praises Obama’s Pro-Abortion Stance

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(CNSNews.com) – The Planned Parenthood Action Fund, the advocacy and political arm of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, has endorsed Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), saying his 100 rating by the fund for consistently backing pro-abortion legislation makes him the best choice for president.

“Sen. Obama supports a woman's right to choose and is a co-sponsor of the Freedom of Choice Act, which would codify and protect a woman's right to choose,” Anne Brewer, Women for Obama coordinator for the Obama campaign, said in her [blog](#) on the Democratic hopeful’s official Web site.

“The Planned Parenthood Action Fund is proud to endorse Barack Obama for president of the United States,” said Action Fund President Cecile Richards. “He is a passionate advocate for women's rights, and has a long and consistent record of standing up for women's health care.

“As president, he will improve access to quality health care for women, support and protect a woman's right to choose, support comprehensive sex education to keep our young people healthy and safe, and invest in prevention programs, including family planning services and breast cancer screenings.”

According to Brewer’s blog, during a conference call on Monday with Planned Parenthood Action Fund members from all across the country, Obama said, “As president I’ll make sure women have access to affordable health care, including affordable reproductive services. I thank you for your endorsement and your leadership.”

Some in the black pro-life movement, however, are critical of Obama’s support for abortion.

“By kow-towing to the abortion industry Obama proves he is just another politician, as he purposely overlooks the fact that 63 percent of Planned Parenthood’s 860 clinics are in African-American communities,” said Day Gardner of the National Black Pro-Life Union.

“Even though blacks comprise only 13% of the population, they make up over 36% of all abortions done in this country,” Gardner said.

Gardner added that it has been documented that Planned Parenthood’s founder, Margaret Sanger, expressed support for reducing the black population.

“Planned Parenthood’s endorsement of Barack Obama reminds me of a quote from Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood,” Gardner said.

“We should hire three or four colored ministers, preferably with social-service backgrounds, and with engaging personalities. The most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We don’t want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population,” Gardner added.

“This marks only the second time in Planned Parenthood’s history that the Action Fund has made an endorsement in a presidential campaign,” Brewer said in her blog.

“Last month, the board of the national Planned Parenthood Action Fund voted unanimously to recommend endorsing Senator Obama. That recommendation was ratified by Planned Parenthood’s local action organizations, which represent the interests of all 100 Planned Parenthood affiliates,” she added.

“In contrast,” Brewer said, “Sen. John McCain, the presumptive Republican nominee, has a zero percent voting record on women’s reproductive health and has stated he wants to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. In 25 years in Washington, D.C., Sen. McCain has cast 125 votes against women’s health.”

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