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## STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOB CASEY ON THE ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 22, 2007

“I was elected to the United States Senate as a pro-life Democrat. I believe that life begins at conception and ends when we draw our last breath. And I believe that the role of government is to protect, enrich, and value life for everyone, at every moment, from beginning to end. These principles guide my actions as a public official.

“I intend to work in the Senate toward the goal of reducing the number of abortions, both directly and also by targeting the underlying factors that often lead women to have abortions. I will also continue to work within my party to ensure that both political parties are welcoming and open to such initiatives.

“If we are going to be pro-life, we cannot say we are against abortion of unborn children and then let our children suffer in degraded inner-city schools and broken homes. We can't claim to be pro-life at the same time as we are cutting support for Medicaid, Head Start, and the Women, Infants, and Children's program. I believe we need policies that provide maximum feasible legal protection for the unborn and maximum feasible care and support for pregnant women, mothers, and children. The right to life must also mean the right to a life with dignity.”

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