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Republicans Voting to Continue Federal Funding for Planned Parenthood Do Well With Pro-Choice Groups

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March 4, 2011- On Feb. 18, 2011, the House adopted a [controversial amendment](#) (sponsored by [Rep. Mike Pence](#), R-Ind.) to the Continuing Resolution ([HR 1](#)) that would cut off federal funding to [Planned Parenthood](#). The vote was largely split along party lines, with seven Republicans joining 178 Democrats in voting against the amendment.

Based on an analysis of contributions linked to pro-choice groups provided by the [Center for Responsive Politics](#), out of the [seven Republicans who voted against the amendment](#), five did well with contributions linked to "[Abortion policy/Pro-Choice](#)" groups over a two year period. Out of the entire chamber, these five Republicans ranked 5th, 7th, 10th, 17th, and 24th in funding from pro-choice groups. The other two Republicans who voted against the amendment did not receive any funding in the last election cycle from pro-choice groups. Of the Democrats who voted in favor of adopting the amendment, only Indiana's [Joe Donnelly](#) has received money from contributions connected to pro-choice groups over the same two year period (\$700).

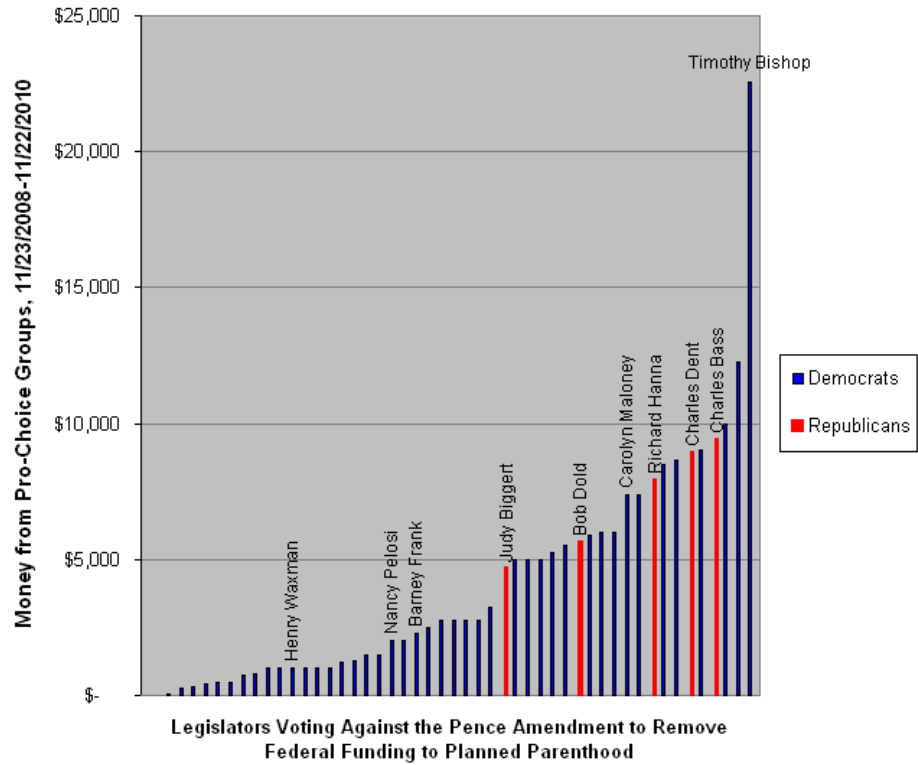
This is not Rep. Pence's first attempt to cut federal funding of Planned Parenthood. In 2009, he was unsuccessful in getting a similar amendment added to the [Department of Education appropriations bill](#). Three of the Republicans who opposed his more recent amendment did the same in 2009. One, [Mary Bono Mack](#), voted 'Yes' in 2009 and 'No' in 2011. The remaining three were not in office at the time. [Leonard Lance](#), the top House Republican recipient of money from pro-choice groups in the last election cycle (\$10,900 from 11/23/2008 to 11/22/2010), voted against Pence's amendment back in 2009, but for it in 2011.

Legislator	Contributions connected to Pro-Choice Groups <i>Nov. 23, 2008 – Nov. 22, 2010</i>	Rank In Full House	Rank Among House Republicans
Charlie Bass	\$9,400	5th	2nd
Charlie Dent	\$8,900	7th	3rd
Richard Hanna	\$7,900	10th	4th
Robert Dold	\$5,600	17th	5th
Judy Biggert	\$4,650	24th	7th
Mary Bono Mack	\$0	-	-
Rodney Frelinghuysen	\$0*	-	-

* *Between 2002-2004, Rep. Frelinghuysen received over \$9,000 in contributions connected to Pro-Choice groups.*

Includes reported contributions to congressional campaigns of House members in office on day of vote, from interest groups invested in the vote according to MAPLight.org, November 23, 2008 – November 22, 2010. Contributions data source: [OpenSecrets.org](#)

Pro-Choice Money to Representatives Voting Against the Pence Amendment



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