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Pro Life Democrats Endorse Lincoln Davis Abortion Reduction Bill at Press Conference Today

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 /Christian Newswire/ -- Democrats For Life of America joined Congressman Lincoln Davis (D-TN) at a Capitol Hill press conference to official endorse his abortion reduction bill that he will introduce in Congress this week.

"We applaud Lincoln Davis for taking introducing the Pregnant Woman Support Act. His bill is a bi-partisan effort, endorsed by pro-choice and pro-life Members in an effort to reduce America's abortion rate by 95% over the next 10 years," said DFLA's Executive Director, Kristen Day.

One of the 14 proposals calls for expanding coverage to pregnant women and unborn children through Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). One of the key provisions of the proposal calls for banning the discriminatory practice against pregnant women in the health insurance industry by removing pregnancy from all "pre-existing condition" lists in health care.

Other provisions call for making adoption tax credits permanent, provides grants for low-income parenting college students, fully funding the federal WIC program, increased funding for domestic violence programs, and provides free home visits by registered nurses for new mothers.

"This initiative provides the kind of support, information, and options that should be readily available to pregnant women in any society that truly believes in the sanctity of life. Congress can and should act immediately to implement this 95-10 initiative," said Davis.

The legislation was unveiled Wednesday during a news conference in Washington where Davis was joined by Republican lead cosponsor Rep. Chris Smith and Reps. Harold Ford, Jr. and Charlie Melancon. Other original cosponsors include Reps. Marion Berry, Allen Boyd, Jerry Costello, Tim Holden, Marcy Kaptur, Dan Lipinski, Jim Marshall, Mike McIntyre, James Oberstar, Solomon Ortiz, and Colin Peterson. Organizations who have sent statements in support of the bill include the National Association of Evangelicals, US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Americans United for Life, Democrats for Life of America, National Council on Adoption, Life Education and Resource Network, Redeem the Vote, CARENET, Tony Campolo, founder of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, Joe Turnham, Chairman, Alabama Democratic Party, U.S. Senate candidate Bob Casey, and actor, Martin Sheen.

