Obama White House recognizes "baby that has not yet been born" for White House security purposes, but tolerates legal abortion to moment of birth in District of Columbia

WASHINGTON (May 8, 2012) -- The Director of the White House Visitor's Office, Ellie Shafer, today distributed an email newsletter ("Tuesday's Tidbits") to many recipients, including Members of Congress, which gives detailed instructions on how to register an unborn child ("a baby that has not yet been born," as Shafer puts it) into the security system that is employed to arrange White House tours.

"We have received a number of calls regarding how to enter security information for a baby that has not yet been born," Shafer wrote. "Crazy as it may sound, you MUST include the baby in the overall count of guests in the tour. It's an easy process."

The newsletter then proceeds to spell out how "the baby’s security information should be entered" into the White House system, including such details as: "GENDER: if the parents know put that gender down if not, you can enter either M or F as we'll ask you to update it at the time of birth." All of the information should be updated "once, the baby is born," the newsletter instructs.

"It is ironic that President Obama’s staff recognizes the existence of unborn babies for purposes of providing security within the White House -- yet, there is no indication that President Obama has any problem with the fact that throughout the District of Columbia, abortion is now legal for any reason up to the moment of birth," said Douglas Johnson, National Right to Life legislative director. “Notably, the newsletter provides no guidance on what the staff should do if an unborn baby is first registered for security purposes, but then aborted. On May 17, the House Judiciary Constitution Subcommittee plans to hold a hearing on the District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (H.R. 3803), which would generally prohibit abortion in the sixth month and later in the District. If the President wants to provide for the security of the unborn child immediately outside of the White House gates, as well as inside, he should endorse this bill."

Further information on the District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act is available on the NRLC website at http://www.nrlc.org/abortion/Fetal_Pain/index.html

Founded in 1968, the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of 50 state right-to-life affiliates and more than 3,000 local chapters, is the nation's oldest and largest grassroots pro-life organization. Recognized as the flagship of the pro-life movement, NRLC works through legislation and education to protect innocent human life from abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide and euthanasia.

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