## Groups Plan Major Rally and Prayer Vigil After Late-term Abortionist, Leroy Carhart, Sends Six Women to the Hospital Over a Four Month Period

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GERMANTOWN, Md., May 12, 2016 /Christian Newswire/ -- The event is named "Moment of Mercy" and the pro-life community will be calling for the State of Maryland to suspend Carhart's medical license pending a full investigation.

"Moment of Mercy" will take place on Sunday, May 22, at 1:30 P.M. on Wisteria Dr. in Germantown, MD which is located at the entrance to the Executive Park where Leroy Carhart's office is located.

Here is a link to the Facebook event page: www.facebook.com/events/1774091956210502

Carhart has just been named in the ongoing Congressional investigations into the sale of baby body parts by the Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives.

Since Carhart's practice has opened, he has sent at least nine women to the hospital and a young woman died after getting a late-term abortion from him.

Rev. Patrick Mahoney, Director of the Christian Defense Coalition based in Washington, D.C., states;

"When Leroy Carhart opened his late-term abortion business in Maryland, the pro-life community held a massive rally warning that we would see women leaving his clinic in ambulances and dying because of his barbaric and unprofessional practices. Sadly, this has been the case with at least nine women being taken to the hospital and a 29 year old woman dying at the hands of Leroy Carhart.

"This is a national disgrace and women deserve so much better than this. As a first step, we call upon the State of Maryland to suspend Leroy Carhart's medical license while a thorough investigation takes place. We are confident if they do their job, his late-term abortion business will close for good.

"Simply stated, the State of Maryland has to make a decision if they will put protecting a disgraced late-term abortionist above women's rights and quality health care. How many more women have to die or be rushed to the hospital before Maryland government officials act?"

Janet Kotowski, Clinic Manager for Germantown Pregnancy Choices, adds;

"It all began when Jennifer Morbelli died in February 2013 after her late term abortion, and now, nine more women have suffered emergencies needing ambulance transports from Leroy Carhart's Germantown Reproductive Health Services. The Maryland Board of Physicians needs to do the right thing and suspend his license while a full investigation is conducted. Women deserve better."

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## **Moment of Mercy RALLY**

In less than 4 months (December 15, 2015 - April 4, 2016) 6 women (5 in Germantown, 1 in Nebraska) have been hospitalized by late-term abortionist Leroy Carhart! And a total of 9 since 2013.

- 1. December 15, 2015 Operation Rescue
- 2. January 19, 2016 Operation Rescue
- 3. February 4 (Nebraska) Operation Rescue
- 4. March 20 LifeSiteNews
- 5. March 30 Operation Rescue, LifeSiteNews
- 6. April 4 Operation Rescue, 911 Calls for March 20 & April 4

The 5 year long prayerful public witness/response in Germantown kicked off in 2011 with the Summer of Mercy 2.0 event, and now in the Holy Year of Mercy, we will reunite to call upon the Mercy of God, the Governor and the authorities in the State of Maryland to finally put an end to it, for the safety of women from all over the country.

Carhart's license is due to expire this September, and we will be asking the Maryland Board of Physicians to thoroughly investigate each of these incidents before renewing it.

Many of the speakers helped lead the charge originally back in 2011, and will join us for a prayerful approach to the recent rash of medical emergencies caused by late-term abortionist Leroy Carhart.

## **Confirmed Speakers:**

Rev. Patrick Mahoney (Pastor, <u>Church on the Hill</u>, Christian Defense Coalition)
Katherine Hamlet (Johns Hopkins Masters in Public Health; entering medical school)
Catherine Glenn Foster (CLI, <u>The Charlotte Lozier Institute</u>)
Fr. Thomas LaHood (Pastor, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Upper Marlboro, MD)
Andrew Glenn (Executive Director, <u>Maryland Coalition for Life</u>)

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Statement of Chairman Blackburn included in the May 11<sup>th</sup> press release announcing a select panel beginning an investigation of late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart:

"We have an obligation to protect the most vulnerable at all stages of life," **Chairman Blackburn** asserted. "This obligation was expressed in both the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act and the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act. Reports regarding the Germantown clinic are deeply troubling, both for the sake of babies whose lives are ended so close to—and possibly even after—birth and for the sake of the women who have been rushed from that clinic to the hospital with increasing frequency. In order to properly address these concerns, we have issued subpoenas not only to Dr. Carhart and his clinic, but also to

hospitals and first responders who may have information that will be instructive. Time is of the essence."