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# PENCE ADDRESSES NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE

*Congressman praises pro-life activists for making abortion "less available, less legal, and less morally a*

**Washington, Jan 22, 2003** - WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Mike Pence today rose in the shadow of the Washington Monument to address thousands of pro-life activists gathered at the National March for Life. The activists descended upon Washington, DC from around the nation for the annual protest against the 1973 Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade.

"I am mostly here today, as a father and as an American, to say thank you, from the bottom of my heart for the work which you have accomplished in the cause of life. Because of all of you, and the millions of Americans you represent, abortion is in steep decline in America today. Abortion is less available, less legal, and less morally acceptable than at any time since 1973. You alone have exposed the empty promises of the Left, who offer choice but deliver only heartache and disappointment and a national conscience seared by pain," said Pence.

Pence called on Congress to enact adoption reform, speed resources to crisis pregnancy centers, and bring an end to Partial Birth Abortion. Pence also called on President Bush to appoint principled pro-life judges.

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