Washington, DC – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence released the following statement today in support of legislation introduced by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) that would provide a government-wide prohibition on federal dollars for abortion services:

“Millions of pro-life Americans believe it’s morally wrong to end an unborn human life and they are appalled that their government would pay for abortion services with their hard-earned tax dollars. It’s time to take taxpayer funding of abortion off the table, once and for all.

“The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act provides a clear blanket rejection of abortion in every facet of government spending. During the health care debate Speaker Pelosi claimed that ‘the law of the land is there is no public funding of abortion,’ and she assured the American people that this policy would stand. However, the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service has said tax dollars can pay for abortion under ObamaCare. It’s time for the Speaker to allow a straight up or down vote on this important bill that has the support of the American people.”