

# Pro-Life Federation International

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President Donald Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

***Re: Request to Stop Funding the World Bank for Using Abortion as “A Tool to End Global Poverty”***

First and foremost, we would like to thank you for keeping the promise you made to pro-life warriors as a presidential candidate in your September 2016 letter to the Pro-Life Coalition. We are grateful for the appointment of Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch and thankful for the victory you bestowed on us by signing legislation to roll back Obama’s last parting gift to Planned Parenthood.

“Hidden in plain sight” is one of the most recited and often undermined adages. This is the case for us - pro-life warriors - in terms of the World Bank, which is housed two blocks from the White House.

Armed with a staff of 15,000 (10,000 at its Washington headquarters) and funded by American and European taxpayers, the World Bank is the largest single source of external finance for health programs in developing countries.

The Bank’s zeal to raise fund for its global programs has led it to engage in deceptive practices. This includes inflating the global poverty headcount by hundreds of millions and using it as a rallying cry for fundraising.

In 2008, after the Bank published new data that inflated the number of poor people in the world by over 600 million, Professor Angus Deaton of Princeton, a Nobel Laureate, wrote: “I continue to be worried about the long-term impact of the results for India and China, whose consequences will take some time to percolate through... It is simply not feasible to run a world poverty measurement system where hundreds of millions of people who were previously out of poverty are suddenly dumped back in.”

The inflated poverty figures served the World Bank as a double-edged sword. On the one hand, it served as a fundraising pitch, and, on the other hand, it justified its population control and reproductive health programs. See Annex 1 (Peddling Poverty for Fundraising) and Annex 2 (Abortion: A Tool to End Global Poverty).

According to [the Guttmacher Institute](#), “During 2010–2014, an estimated 56 million induced abortions occurred each year worldwide.” This is genocide.

[A 2011 case study in Uganda](#) showed that the average cost of abortion per pregnant woman that was covered by the government was \$14 (the cost incurred by the woman is much higher). To put this figure in perspective, we quote a statement made by a famous former World Bank economist in the [New York Times](#): “The West spent \$2.3 trillion on foreign aid over the last five decades and still had not managed to get 12-cent medicines to children to prevent half of all malaria deaths.”



As American taxpayers, we are outraged that our tax dollars are used for abortion at \$14 per child rather than on life saving malaria medicines at 12-cents per child. We highlight one example from one of the attached briefing notes to show a glimpse of the Bank's guiding principles.

[A 2011 article](#) penned by a World Bank lead economist for the Africa region provided an estimate from a pro-abortion study that "5 out of 6" pregnancies (83%) "result in unwanted or unplanned births." Those who are carried to term "are more likely to be born to poorer mothers." The outcome, the study noted, is that such children tend to be shorter and weigh less than those born from well to do families. The economist concluded: "So not only are we seeing the effects of a policy intended to cut abortion here, we're also seeing what happens to unwanted kids."

If the World Bank lead economist has his way, 83% of pregnancies in Africa will not be carried to term.

Supposedly, the World Bank's mission is to end global poverty through economic development so that children are not starved and their growth is not stunted. Having failed to end poverty through economic growth, the global liberal elites embraced abortion as a means to "[de-populate third world countries](#)" (led by Bill Clinton) and as "[a tool to end poverty](#)" (promoted by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau).

[The Huffington Post found it](#) "admirable that India was one of the first countries in the world to legalize abortion to encourage population control." In 2015, India had [15.6 million abortions](#). The fact that [India is the largest loan and grant recipient](#) from the World Bank is not coincidental. We would like to bring your attention to key factors from the attached two briefing materials.

- A leaked document that revealed George Soros' broad influence over the World Bank and the Bank's collaboration with the International Planned Parenthood Federation.
- In 2012, President Obama appointed a medical doctor to run the World Bank, Jim Yong Kim, who had no background in finance or economics. As reported by [Breitbart News](#), Kim was "a co-founder of a health group that enjoys a working relationship with the Clinton Foundation." His group, [Partners in Health](#), promoted health care, including abortion, as a fundamental human right. He was the right candidate to lead the abortion revolution.
- An American lead economist (William Easterly) was forced out of the World Bank after he wrote a critically acclaimed book in which he recommended adopting "traditional free-market policies and stop lending to corrupt and incompetent governments."
- The World Bank Staff Association decried the Bank's lawlessness, stating that the Ethics department investigated Easterly for writing a summary of his book in the *Financial Times*. The Staff Association documented that "He was not even allowed to have a copy of the completed Ethics report on the investigation; he could only read it and reply."
- In 2018, the Bank pushed out an American Senior VP and Chief Economist (Paul Romer) after he revealed to the media that the World Bank manipulates its data for political reasons.
- The brutal culture of retaliation has effectively and completely silenced pro-life employees while their pro-abortion colleagues are provided a blog space on the Bank's website to peddle their views (the website is visited by over 10 million people per month).

## **World Bank \$16 Billion Scam Whistleblower Betrayed by the Obama Administration**

- In 2010, the World Bank artificially inflated the global poverty headcount from 571 million to 1.2 billion people. As a result, [US's contribution to Multilateral Development Banks](#) increased from \$2.65 billion average per year for four years to \$4.50 billion average per year.
- The World Bank terminated an Ethiopian Deputy Global Manager (Yonas Biru), after he reported to the Bank's Chief Ethics Officer that the Bank was inflating the number of poor people in the world to maximize the money it collects from Western countries.
- As reported by *Breitbart News*, Biru's case prompted Congress to pass a law to rein in the Bank's impunity, but the Obama administration refused to enforce the law and actively worked with the World Bank to deny a whistleblower access to justice.

Different groups, including a [Christian Alliance in Virginia](#), a group of [Bishops in Maryland](#), a [Whistleblower Protection organization in Washington](#), a coalition of [Civil Rights Advocates](#), [two US Senators](#), and [members of the Advisory Board of Minority Coalition for Trump](#) have written independently to the US Departments of State and Treasury calling for justice on behalf of Biru as a whistleblower.

Biru's case is primarily a whistleblowing case. However, there have been concerted efforts by the World Bank, the World Bank Tribunal, the Obama administration and the Congressional Black Caucus to suppress it, focusing instead exclusively on his racial discrimination claim.

The fact that his case was primarily a whistle-blowing case has been documented in the Government Accountability Project's (GAP's) report. The report noted, Biru "was terminated after making protected disclosures about data fabrication involving China, India and 21 African countries." Biru's lawyer raised the data fabrication issue during the Tribunal hearing, but the President of the Tribunal pushed it aside, stating "I'm not sure it's a central issue."

Biru has sacrificed his career and financial wellbeing to expose a systemic scam against US taxpayers to the tune of \$16 billion. The Obama administration has betrayed him.

We are adding our voice to the chorus of call for justice because we believe his case is a precedent-setting case and will help break the culture of intimidation and lawlessness and in so doing encourage other staff, including pro-life advocates, to speak up. A summary of Dr. Biru's outstanding case is presented on pages 9-12 of the attached briefing note titled "Peddling poverty..."

We pray and hope that you will use your pen to strike down US funding to the World Bank until it: (1) agrees to fully redress the injustice it inflicted on Biru for blowing the whistle, (2) forms a high-level external commission to investigate the deliberate and systemic inflation of the Bank's official global poverty headcount, (3) complies with our laws that grants whistleblowers access to external arbitration, and (4) stops using US funds for abortion.

Sincerely,

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