



Oppose Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

Dear Senator:

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Pro-Family Women strongly urges you to support the Hyde Amendment on the reconciliation bill and the Labor-HHS appropriations bill, as well as the traditional pro-life Hyde-type prohibitions against taxpayer funding of abortion found on other appropriations bills. Our tax dollars should be used to support women in their pregnancies, not to pay to have the lives of their unborn children be aborted. Please oppose any appropriations bill that expands taxpayer funding of abortion, and oppose the reconciliation bill if its health care programs, such as Medicaid expansion, fund elective abortion.

Lower-income Americans do not support taxpayer-funded abortion. Opponents of the Hyde Amendment assert that it detrimentally impacts low-income Medicaid recipients by denying them funding for abortion. But, it is the higher-income and higher-educated who often favor taxpayer-funding of abortion more than the lower-income and lower-educated. (See Marist Poll 2021; and Politico/Harvard Poll 2016 which found that “voters making more than \$75,000 were *more* supportive of using Medicaid funds for abortion services (45% favor) than those making \$25,000 or less (24% favor).” Likewise, with respect to abortion overall, in 2013 Gallup identified “low-income Americans” and “adults with no college education” as being among “the least ‘pro-choice’” in America. Why are some in Congress intent on doing away with the Hyde Amendment when poor women themselves do not view abortion as the desired solution to their pregnancies?

Abortion is not health care. Opponents of the Hyde Amendment assert that abortion is health care. But, as the U.S. Supreme Court recognized in *Harris v. McRae*, 448 U.S. 297 (1980), “[a]bortion is inherently different from other medical procedures, because no other procedure involves the purposeful termination of a potential life.” Each unborn child is a unique creation by God; no other identical being existed beforehand, and none will exist afterwards. Healthcare should treat both patients.

Please oppose taxpayer funding of abortion.

Sincerely,

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President