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Dear Representative:

The House will soon consider H.R. 3755, the “Women’s Health Protection Act of 2021.” This bill advances the false narrative that abortion on demand is health care, demonizes those who recognize the scientific reality of human life in the womb, undermines religious freedom, and injects the federal government into an area of state jurisdiction. We urge you to oppose this radical legislation.

H.R. 3755 would override the judgment of every state legislature in America and impose a national regime of abortion on demand up until the moment of birth. While the bill purports to address abortion prior to “viability,” it cites a judicially-created “health” exception [Sec. 2(a)(2)] that encompasses any kind of social or emotional circumstance to eviscerate any state limitation on abortion after viability (effectively up until the moment of birth).

This legislation would eliminate even the most modest and publicly-supported provisions like parental notification laws [Sec. 2(a)(3)] and it would preempt application of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act [Sec. 5(a)(1)] – a bill that was sponsored in the House by Rep. Chuck Schumer (D-NY), passed the Senate by a vote of 97-3, and was signed into law by President Bill Clinton.

While the bill attributes good faith to late-term abortion practitioners [Sec. 2(a)(2)], it seeks to link pro-life Americans to “systems of oppression . . . white supremacy, and anti-Black racism” [Sec. 2(a)(5)]. This inflammatory rhetoric is especially ironic when you consider that the largest abortion provider in America has a history of targeting women in economically distressed communities and was founded by an avowed eugenicist who wanted to eliminate “human weeds” from American civilization. Conversely, pro-life Americans have established thousands of pregnancy care centers to provide compassionate support to women and their babies, before and after they are born.

The protection of human life is the first obligation of every level of government. As scientific understanding of life in utero has advanced, it is appropriate for legislators to widen the circle of protection for every American. It is also appropriate that these advances have coincided with enhanced civil rights protections for people of every race, ethnicity and religion.

Sadly, H.R. 3755 seeks to divide Americans along lines of race and gender, and intrudes into areas that are not the appropriate domain of the federal government. Instead, we should be coming together in common purpose to build upon scientific and societal achievements. We urge you to oppose H.R. 3755 and to pursue a respectful dialogue about protecting human life and dignity.

Sincerely,

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