

National Abortion on Demand Bills are Divisive and Extreme

Dear Representative:

The House will consider two extreme abortion bills this week. We urge you to oppose H.R. 8296, the “Women’s Health Protection Act of 2022” and H.R. 8297, the “Access to Abortion Act of 2022.”

H.R. 8296 advances the false narrative that abortion on demand is health care, undermines religious freedom and conscience rights of pro-life doctors and nurses, eliminates parental notification laws, and would force taxpayers to fund abortion on demand during all nine months of pregnancy.

This bill makes the divisive and slanderous allegation that pro-life policies perpetuate systems of “white supremacy” and “anti-black racism” [Sec. 2(a)(9)]. Such inflammatory rhetoric is ironic when you consider that the largest abortion provider in America – Planned Parenthood - 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.

Meanwhile, pro-life Americans have established thousands of pregnancy care centers to provide compassionate support to women and babies, before and after they are born.

Despite the fact that Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer was the principal sponsor of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) when he was a member of the House, H.R. 8296 and similar Senate legislation would preempt application of RFRA by doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel whose religious beliefs forbid them to participate in the performance of abortions. The idea of gutting RFRA is particularly extreme when you consider that it passed the House unanimously, passed the Senate 97-3, and was signed into law by President Bill Clinton.

H.R. 8297 advances the pro-abortion myth that the Supreme Court’s *Dobbs* decision threatens the right of women to travel, and potentially undermines the ability of state or private employers to avoid complicity in the performance of abortions. Beyond H.R. 8297’s misleading veneer, it represents an unwarranted federal intrusion into state efforts to protect innocent human life and seeks to place an imprimatur on a national policy of abortion on demand up until the moment of birth.

The protection of human life is the *first* obligation of government. Congress must ensure that can happen by rejecting radical abortion legislation like H.R. 8296 and H.R. 8297.

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