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Good afternoon,

SBA Pro-Life America strongly encourages your boss to support and cosponsor the following priority bills, which will be reflected on member profiles on our scorecard for the 118th Congress:

- H.R. 427, SAVE Moms and Babies Act (Rep. Bob Latta)
- H.R. 7, No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Full Disclosure Act (Rep. Chris Smith)

You can see our scorecard (updated through the 117th Congress) here.

Why is H.R. 427 a priority?

Chemical abortion – also known as medical abortion or the abortion drug – already makes up <u>a majority of all abortions</u> in the US, and the numbers continue to rise. (It is important to note that chemical abortion is not contraception. It is used in the first trimester to end the life of an unborn child.) Because of the known risks associated with these drugs, chemical abortions are subject to FDA safety protocols called Risk Evaluation Mitigation Strategy, or REMS. Until very recently, these protocols required a doctor's visit to receive the abortion drug.

The abortion lobby has partnered with the Biden administration to chip away at the REMS to make chemical abortion available through the mail without first visiting a physician. *The removal of the in-person dispensing requirement currently means that women and girls (sometimes far from an emergency room) are left to experience an abortion all alone without medical supervision or care.* Already, the rates of complications and risks of serious infection and hemorrhage were *four times higher* for chemical abortions than for surgical abortion at the same time in pregnancy. Now, through mail order abortion, abortionists are easily circumventing state pro-life protections and putting women and girls at <u>even greater risks of serious complications</u>.

H.R. 427 is critical to rein in the abortion lobby and Biden's politicized FDA to protect women and girls. The bill would prevent the FDA from removing the REMS, prevent abortion drugs from being dispensed remotely through mail or via telemedicine, and prevent any future FDA approvals of new chemical abortion drugs.

The politicized approval process of chemical abortion drugs that have led to increased risks for women and girls is at issue in the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. FDA case now before the Fifth Circuit. Read more on AHM v. FDA here.

To cosponsor, please contact Emily Hebein in Rep. Latta's office.

Why is H.R. 7 a priority?

This bill would apply the longstanding <u>Hyde amendment</u> government-wide, including to Obamacare, and make it permanent. Our Charlotte Lozier Institute scholars have <u>estimated</u> the incredible number of lives saved by Hyde: "Overall, it is now estimated that the Hyde Amendment has saved a total of **2,566,968** lives since 1976. These figures do not, of course, include any lives saved in subsequent generations due to the impact of the Hyde Amendment on the first generation."

The Hyde amendment applies only to programs funded through the Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations bill. Because it does not apply to other funding bills, over the years additional Hyde-like amendments have been enacted to apply the Hyde principle to a myriad of federal agencies and programs including the Department of Defense, Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, the State Child Health Insurance Program, the Bureau of Prisons, and foreign assistance. These form a patchwork of protections against taxpayer funding for abortion. However, the patchwork is largely dependent on being re-approved every year. This creates a precarious situation, as pro-abortion lawmakers now try to eliminate Hyde and related amendments annually.

A full 60% of Americans oppose taxpayer funded abortions (including 59% of Independents!).

To cosponsor, please contact Rebecca West or Grace Galvin in Rep. Chris Smith's office.

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