



June 10, 2014

The Honorable
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our 500,000 members nationwide, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC), asks you to support an amendment by Representative Robert Aderholt (R-Alabama) to prohibit federal funds from being used for abortions for immigration detainees. It also provides conscience protections to individuals who have moral or religious objections to performing or facilitating abortions.

Prior to the Homeland Security Act in 2002, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was funded under the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations bill. The CJS bill has historically included a provision to prevent federal funding to be used for detainees' abortions. When ICE funding was moved to the Homeland Security Appropriations bill instead of CJS, a loophole was created. Representative Aderholt's amendment simply closes that hole.

It is crucial to ensure that this loophole is closed and that taxpayer money will not be used to perform or promote abortions. CWALAC respectfully requests that you support the Aderholt amendment. We will oppose any efforts to weaken or undermine this longstanding policy.

Sincerely,

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Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee