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WOMEN *for* AMERICA
LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE

April 13, 2021

The Honorable
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of our hundreds of thousands of supporters and activists nationwide, Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC) expresses its strong support of the discharge petition for H.R. 619, the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. CWALAC will score in favor of members' signatures on this petition and will include this on our annual scorecard.

We are asking you to sign this petition and stand against infanticide.

The Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act does not change a single abortion law but is about what happens *after* a child survives an abortion. Born Alive requires doctors to provide the same standard of care to a child born alive after an attempted abortion that would be provided to a child born at the same gestational age under other circumstances.

An unwanted child is not inhuman. This bill is about treating all newborns as patients under standard medical practice. It is not about medical decisions between women and abortion doctors. It is about prohibiting infanticide.

Here are the facts: There are [documented instances](#) by the Center for Disease Control that reveal killing infants after they were born alive DOES happen. One [study](#) published in *Obstetrics & Gynecology* in 2018 reviewed 241 late-term abortions and reported that unless the preborn baby was killed first, more than half the babies were born alive.

Only eight states require reporting cases of infants born alive after an attempted abortion. In just four of these eight states (Arizona, Florida, Minnesota, and Texas), 26 children were born alive during attempted abortions in 2019. Florida reported seven babies born alive in 2020. [Abortion survivors](#) like Melissa Ohden and Gianna Jessen have testified before Congress, detailing their life stories and asking for protections for babies like them who survive abortion.

In 2002, Congress enacted the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, which defined a "person," "human being," "child," or "individual" as including every infant born alive for the purposes of federal law. But the law did not contain any penalty provisions or requirements which is why the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act is necessary. This bill provides for enforcement and criminal penalties for physicians who fail to provide care for a child who is born alive after an attempted abortion and allows for mothers to pursue legal action if a doctor violates this law.

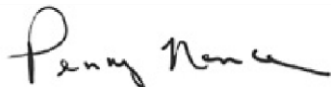
This bill does not substitute Congress' judgment for a physician's judgment in heartbreaking scenarios. H.R. 619 would not require a doctor to take extraordinary measures to resuscitate a child who would otherwise die shortly after birth. It requires doctors to extend the same standard

of care to a child born alive after an attempted abortion that any other child at that gestational age would be given in other circumstances.

The Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act is common sense and broadly supported. [Eighty-two percent of Americans](#) oppose removing medical care for a viable child after birth, including 77% of pro-choice Americans. This bill is widely popular with Americans, even across the partisan divide.

Because the Democrat majority will not allow H.R. 619 to come to the floor for a vote, the discharge petition is the only way to advance this crucial piece of human rights legislation. Our laws must reflect the principles which have upheld our democracy and humanity, including the right to life. CWALAC urges you to show your support for the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act by signing this petition as soon as it is filed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Penny Nance". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Penny Young Nance
CEO and President
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