

June 22, 2021

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

Dear Representative:

As CEO and President of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee (CWALAC), I am writing on behalf of our hundreds of thousands of members and supporters across America in strong opposition to efforts to repeal the Hyde Amendment and other longstanding pro-life safeguards preventing taxpayer funding of abortion. Appropriations season brings numerous opportunities for Congress to reaffirm our nation's time-honored values, including the sanctity of human life.

President Biden's FY 2022 budget request breaks over four decades of bipartisan precedent by removing the Hyde Amendment, a prohibition on federal funding of elective abortion through Medicaid, Medicare disability, and other programming under Health and Human Services appropriations. This extreme reversal is even more troubling when considering that 58% of Americans oppose taxpayer funding for abortion as secured in the Hyde Amendment, and 76% support significant restrictions on abortions after the first trimester at the very least.¹

We implore Congress to act as good stewards of Americans' hard-earned tax dollars and prevent the federally financed destruction of human life. H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2021, would make Hyde permanent and expand its applicability across all government programming, including Obamacare. Passage of this legislation would eliminate the need to ensure Hyde's inclusion in federal appropriations every fiscal year.

As House members utilize procedural votes to seek consideration of H.R. 18, either by way of a request on the previous question or a request for unanimous consent, CWALAC will score any vote related to H.R. 18 and will include these votes on our annual scorecard.

A vote to impede such action will clearly indicate your opposition to upholding the Hyde Amendment and related pro-life protections. We urge you to defend the unborn and preserve these critical safeguards.

Sincerely,

Penny Young Nance CEO and President Concerned Women for America LAC

¹ https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/polls/american-abortion-opinions-remain-consistent.html