

Dear Members of the United States House of Representatives,

On behalf of our nearly 1,300 active pro-life student groups and tens of thousands of trained student activists in all 50 states, we ask that you please join us in support of the Roy-Fischbach Letter to the Food and Drug Administration on Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing Problems.

As you may have heard, the *New York Times* horrifyingly <u>revealed</u> that non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) generates false-positive results for rare genetic disorders approximately 85% of the time.

These tests were made available to the American public in 2011 to analyze the DNA in a pregnant mother's blood, helping determine whether her preborn child will have genetic abnormalities. Now, there are 40+ NIPT tests on the market. About one-third of pregnant women utilize these tests over the course of their pregnancy.

Although these tests can be used as a valuable tool to help parents prepare for the birth and rearing of their child, many families have sadly been encouraged to abort their children based on these potentially misleading test results. This means that countless mothers and fathers may have sought the abortion of their preborn child due to an inaccurate test.

Numerous test manufacturers have lacked FDA approval for their products, failed to publish data on the accuracy of their screenings, or utilized insufficient studies in support of their tests. The letter authored by Representative Chip Roy and Representative Michelle Fischbach addresses this issue by presenting important questions to the FDA due to their regulatory authority, seeking answers as to why these horrifyingly inaccurate tests have been permitted to invade the market. **Signatures for this letter will be accepted up until close of business Thursday, January 20**<sup>th</sup>.

The NIPT industry victimizes vulnerable pregnant mothers and preborn children without proper oversight, leading to tragic abortions motivated by the negative stigma surrounding disabilities. Although we strongly believe that all abortions are wrong, including those intended to end the life of a child with a disability or genetic abnormality, we recognize that families deserve accurate medical information and testing. Companies that profit from faulty diagnoses must be held accountable for the suffering they've caused.

Again, on behalf of the Pro-Life Generation, I urge you to please support and sign the Roy-Fischbach Letter to the FDA on Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing Problems.

Sincerely,

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