



September 12th, 2023

Dear esteemed Members of Congress,

Today, Students for Life Action and our 1,400 student groups across the country are counting on you to keep abortion funding out of our national budget. Regardless of whether you think abortion should be a federal or states issue, the Biden Administration has made it federal by integrating support for abortion throughout the federal budget and in mandates in agencies and departments from sea to shining sea. Every Member of Congress has a key role to play in keeping abortion funding out of our federal programs. The following are pro-life legislative priorities currently of concern in appropriations and current policy initiatives:

1. National Defense Authorization Act of 2024 H.R. 2670

This version of the defense funding bill has a crucial amendment that explicitly blocks funding of the Biden's administration's new policy that reimburses travel costs for military personnel or their families getting abortion. **Holding the line here is crucial for keeping abortion funding out of our Department of Defense.** This recent, unprecedented insertion of abortion into our military funds violates the trust of long-term bi-partisan supporters of the military who have worked across the aisle to support our troops. Not only should we be helping welcome the young family members of our fighting men and women, but we also oppose an abuse of scarce resources to prioritize abortion-related travel over the many needs of our armed services.

2. Restore Safeguards on Mifepristone in Agriculture Appropriations Bill (H.R. 4368)

The Biden administration is desperately attempting to make dangerous chemical abortion drugs widely available, despite the fact that Biden's push for No Test, Online Distribution of the deadly drugs exposes women to injury, infertility, death, and sex abusers, as well as risks our environment.

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2023 **must protect language that enforces the safeguards that the FDA had formerly mandated on the use of mifepristone.** We know that chemical abortion pills are 4x more dangerous than surgical abortion and, as current lawsuits and FDA Citizen Petitions illustrate, such drugs have been recklessly distributed in ways not even the Clinton

Administration intended when they forced the drugs on the market. Even if you support abortion, that's not an argument in favor of negligent distribution without rigorous testing and oversight. Congress needs to protect women and their children from these dangerous drugs and abusers forcing these drugs on them.

3. *Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2022 (H.R. 1065 & S. 1486)*

The *Pregnant Workers Fairness Act* is intended to support women who are going through the unique experience of bringing new life into the world by protecting their employment. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission recently proposed new regulations that would mandate accommodations like leave for abortion on demand, rather than focusing on a mother's needs in the workplace. This proposed regulation attempts to force employers to accommodate abortion through a program designed to safeguard expectant mothers and preborn children. We ask that you speak up and do everything in your power to protect pregnant women and their preborn children along with the programs designed for them.

4. *President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)*

The current controversy surrounding PEPFAR, a program designed to help those suffering from AIDS/HIV represents another intrusion by abortion activists into what has been a bi-partisan success story. In 2003, President George W. Bush called for loving support of those suffering from AIDS/HIV globally with a unique program. Not content to allow the life-saving work to continue unmolested by abortion politics, activists have tried to include abortion vendors among those getting monies intended to save lives. *Students for Life Action* joins many in the pro-life movement, calling for life-saving funds to be invested with those who save lives across the board.

On these four issues, your office can make a difference today. Can your constituents count on you to safeguard scarce taxpayer resources, investing in life-saving programs and organizations, rather than in the global abortion industry? *Students for Life Action* will be scoring key pro-life votes and co-sponsorships on pro-life legislation as it comes up this 118th Congress.

If you ever need talking points or resources to help better equip you in defending Life, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at sderetich@studentsforlifeaction.org. The Pro-Life Generation is more than happy to help give you the tools to defend life in law.

Sincerely,
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