

Stop Forced Taxpayer Funding of Abortion in the *Affordable Care Act* & Attach the Hyde Amendment

Dear Members of Congress and staff,

On behalf of our more than 1,600 active groups and more than 225,000 trained student and adult activists nationwide, *Students for Life Action* urges you to ensure that the *Hyde Amendment* is attached to and upheld on any extensions of the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA) subsidies.

According to recent reports, Congress may be considering adding additional funding for the ACA, also known as Obamacare. If this were to happen, any funding for Obamacare, whether through cost-sharing reductions or premium tax credits, would be forced taxpayer funding of abortion. Pro-abortion extremist Democrats were sneaky in 2010 when Obamacare was passed to avoid limits through *Hyde Amendment* protections of taxpayer funds. With that, the ACA expressly permits subsidies for health insurance plans that cover elective abortion. Abortion coverage through these plans is funded using premium tax credits (PTCs) and cost-sharing reduction payments (CSRs), which reduce out-of-pocket costs for subsidized enrollees.

In reporting at FOX, which notes that nearly 100 pro-life groups oppose abortion spending in healthcare, it's observed that despite claims abortion would not be part of the coverage, "subsequent Obama-era guidance allowed the separate abortion premium payments to be consolidated into a single transaction with payments for non-abortion coverage, effectively removing any distinction between abortion-related coverage payments and non-abortion related coverage payments."

Students for Life Action scored against the Democratic-led Senate Amendment to the CR last week, which would have extended abortion funding to the Obamacare subsidies, and we may consider scoring against the final CR if Republicans do not work to ensure these subsidies do not include abortion funding. We reserve the right to record your vote on the <u>Pro-Life Generation Report Card</u> that will be shared with our activists in all 50 states and the pro-life community.

Please join SFLAction and the pro-life community nationwide by working to ensure our hardearned tax dollars are not being used in healthcare spending to fund abortions. If your "healthcare" kills people on purpose, you're doing it wrong. If you have any questions, please reach out to Savanna Deretich, who is our Government Affairs Coordinator. You may email Savanna Deretich at sderetich@studentsforlifeaction.org

Sincerely,

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