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Dear Representative:

On behalf of Americans United for Life Action (AUL Action), the legislative arm of Americans United for Life, the legal architects of the prolife movement, I urge you to support the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, sponsored by Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ). This bill would strengthen the Born Alive Infant Protection Act (1 U.S.C. § 8), signed into law by former President George W. Bush, by adding criminal penalties and requiring healthcare providers to “exercise the same degree of professional skill, care, and diligence to preserve the life and health” of a child born alive during an abortion that the health care provider would “render to any other child born alive at the same gestational age.” AUL Action will score in favor of this bill in the annual pro-life scorecard.

Recent undercover videos released by the Center for Medical Progress (CMP) raise serious concern that Planned Parenthood may be violating federal fetal tissue trafficking law, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban—a law that Planned Parenthood’s Dr. Nucatola flippantly describes as “open to interpretation”—and the Born Alive Infant Protection Act.

The Born Alive Infant Protection Act clarifies that for purposes of all federal laws, the terms “person,” “human being,” “child,” and “individual” include every infant who is born alive, regardless of whether that birth is the result of labor, cesarean section, or induced abortion. The law does not contain its own criminal penalties or any other enforcement mechanism to hold abortionists accountable who fail to provide medical attention and care to infants born alive after an attempted abortion.

Under current law, abortionists fail to provide medically appropriate care to infants born alive during attempted abortions with impunity. Rep. Franks bill would explicitly provide that a failure to exercise the appropriate standard of medical care to an infant born alive after an abortion is a federal crime.

This bill is a commonsense piece of legislation, building upon the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act that was passed by a voice vote in the House and a unanimous consent request in the Senate. Rep. Franks’ bill would protect the most vulnerable infants, and ensure that when an infant is born alive during an attempted abortion, he or she promptly receives medical attention as a citizen of the United States, just as any other infant born in this Country. The bill will make it more costly for abortionists to deny these tiny infants their Constitutional rights.

I hope you will support the Born-Alive Infant Survivors Act, sponsored by Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ). AUL Action will score in favor of this bill and record the vote in the annual pro-life scorecard.

Sincerely,

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