



ADVANCING FAITH, FAMILY AND FREEDOM

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Representative  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Family Research Council (FRC) and the hundreds of thousands of families we represent, I urge you to support Rep. Sean Duffy's (R-Wis.) H.R. 3495, the *Women's Public Health and Safety Act*. FRC will score in favor of this legislation.

This simple, straightforward bill amend Title XIX of the Social Security Act to give permission to states to add one more criteria by which they may decide whether or not to restrict the availability of Medicaid reimbursements for certain providers based on their involvement in abortion.

Americans are outraged as they are made aware of what happens at abortion clinics, where life is only valued by the sum of body parts. Many states are trying to defund Planned Parenthood, and ensure that taxpayer money is not going to pay for the killing of the unborn. Giving them the flexibility to exclude abortion providers from receiving Medicaid reimbursements would give them the authority over the largest funding stream for Planned Parenthood, and the ability to divert the funding to other health care providers.

The bill does not mandate the restriction of Medicaid funding from abortion providers, but rather, gives states the ability to respond to their constituents' wishes, rather than being locked into providing Medicaid reimbursements for the very services that many find repugnant. The funding would be available to more deserving and comprehensive health care entities.

Again, we urge you to support and vote for Rep. Duffy's *Women's Public Health and Safety Act*. FRC will score in favor of this vote.

Sincerely,

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