

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 28, 2019

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, Education and Related Agencies  
2362-A Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
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2358-B Rayburn HOB  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

As you begin to work on the Fiscal Year 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations bill, we urge you to include language to provide protections for our most vulnerable population, the unborn. President Trump has made it clear he will veto any legislation that undermines or nullifies any existing pro-life policy. With this in mind, we ask you to include pro-life language in the FY 2020 LHHS bill, which strengthens conscience protections for health care providers, maintains the integrity of our nation's vital medical research, and ends taxpayer subsidies for Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. and their affiliates.

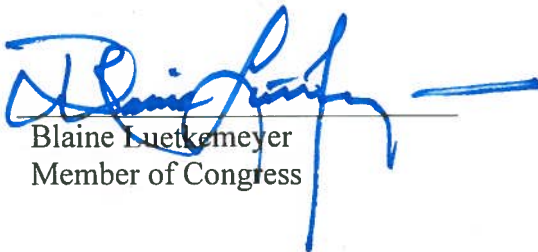
First, to protect the First Amendment rights of all Americans we ask that you include conscience protection language in the FY 2020 LHHS bill. Being an American has always meant experiencing the freedom to live by the dictates of one's deeply held beliefs at home, at work, and in public. Conscience protection provisions are necessary to ensure federal funds cannot be used to force health care providers to participate in abortion, in violation of their consciences. This modest provision would ensure that the government does not penalize health care providers for practicing medicine and providing patient care with a clear conscience.

Next, we respectfully request any FY 2020 funding afforded to HHS be conditioned on the requirement that no funds be made available for research on fetal tissue obtained from an induced abortion. In FY18, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) received \$103 million in taxpayer dollars directed toward fetal tissue research. We understand that the NIH provides a portion of its annual appropriations to fund basic biology research using human fetal tissue. The NIH, however, fails to provide a distinction between ethically derived fetal tissue and tissue, including baby body parts, derived from an elective abortion. Our request will ensure federally funded research does not enable the abortion industry to profit from the harvesting and trafficking of innocent, human lives.

Finally, we respectfully ask you to end taxpayer financing of abortion businesses such as Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood Federation of America's 2017-2018 annual report revealed they received \$563.8 million taxpayer dollars in one year while performing 332,757 abortions. Over a 20-year period, Planned Parenthood's share of the national abortion market has risen by 25 percent. Meanwhile, multiple Congressional investigations and referrals to the Department of Justice (DOJ) led the DOJ to open an investigation into this organization. We firmly believe that organizations which provide both comprehensive health care and respect all life—both the born and the unborn—are the best equipped to offer effective health care services to those in need.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these requests and your continued support for life. Should you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,



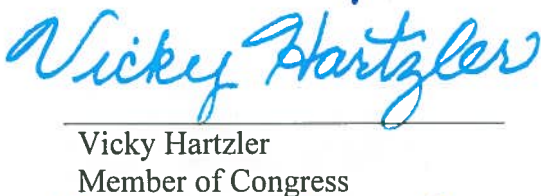
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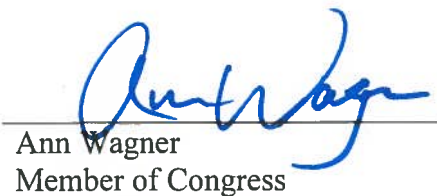
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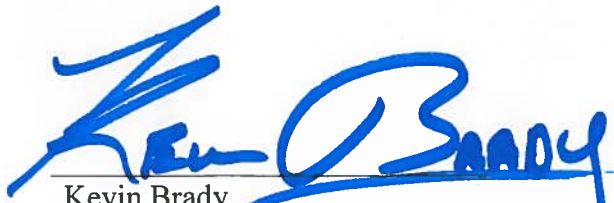
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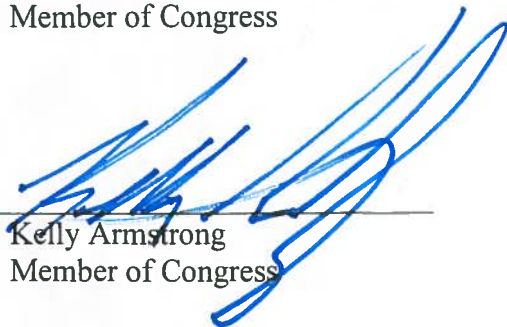
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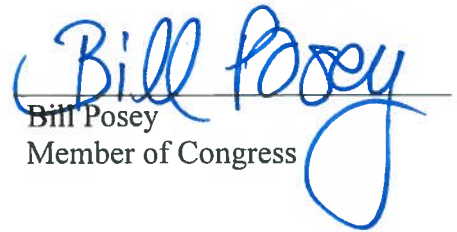
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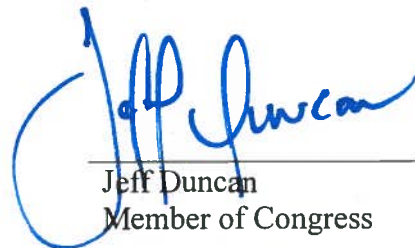
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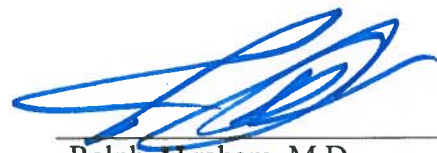
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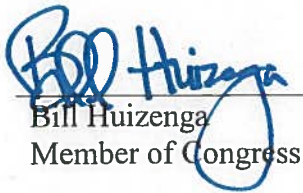
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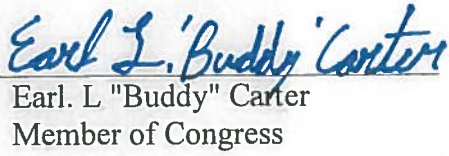


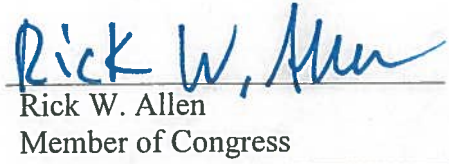
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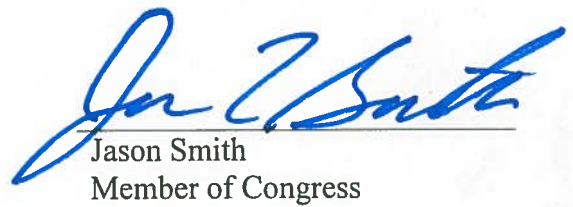
  
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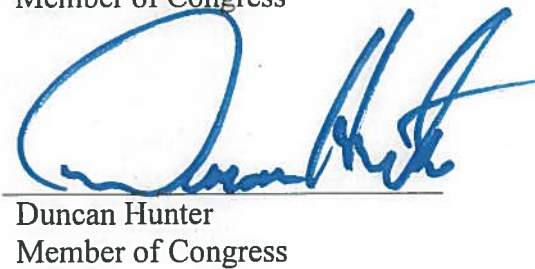
  
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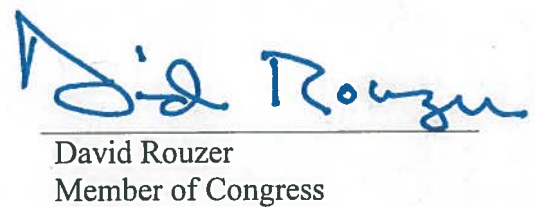
  
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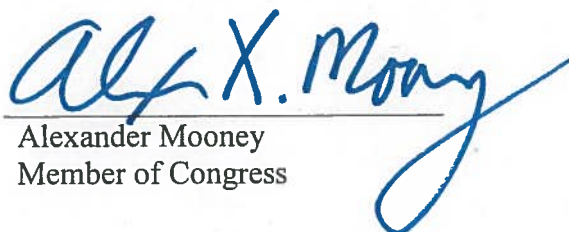
  
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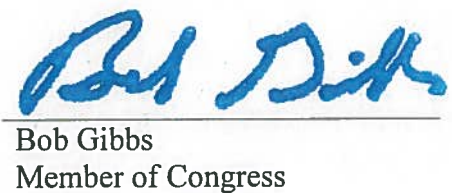
  
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