



April 29, 2019

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of March for Life Action and the millions of pro-life Americans who march to end abortion, I am writing to voice our opposition to H.R. 1384, the Medicare for All legislation. This legislation specifically seeks to eliminate all pro-life and conscience protections in current law. While the legislation is in the hearing process, it is supported by a large number of Members of the Democratic Party as well as most of the announced Democratic Party presidential candidates. If the legislation reaches the House floor, March for Life Action will score a “yes” vote negatively in our scorecard for the 116th Congress.

Medicare for all is not your run of the mill proposal. The legislation would outlaw private insurance, which [Vox](#) points out would mean 153 million Americans would lose coverage they get from their employers as well as the freedom those plans afford. Vox also points out repealing the Hyde Amendment is “front and center” in the bill.

Section 701 of Sanders’ Medicare for all is titled “Universal Medicare Trust Fund” and states that “any other provision of law in effect on the date of enactment of this Act restricting the use of Federal funds for any reproductive health service shall not apply to monies in the Trust Fund.” Since Hyde restricts federal funds from being used toward abortion, section 701 is effectively stating that Hyde doesn’t apply to Medicare funds.

The Hyde Amendment has largely prevented federal Medicaid dollars from paying for abortions and for over 40 decades has garnered widespread, bipartisan support. According to the most recent [Marist polling](#), on the subject a supermajority — 60 percent — oppose tax dollars financing abortions in the U.S., with just 36 percent in support. This includes 60 percent of women. A study [by the Charlotte Lozier Institute](#) indicates that the Hyde Amendment has saved over 2 million unborn children since 1976.

Conscience rights also are eliminated under the bill. Sec. 104 explains that “No person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, including sex stereotyping, gender identity, sexual orientation and pregnancy and related medical conditions (including termination of pregnancy), be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination by any participating provider as defined in section 301, or any entity conducting, administering, or funding a health program or activity, including contracts of insurance, pursuant to this Act.”

In other words, this proposed legislation would strong-arm doctors, nurses and all other health care professionals into performing and participating in abortions — regardless of whether they



have any moral objections. Section 104 goes on to say that refusing to participate could result in heavy court damages and fees.

This legislation is truly the holy grail of the pro-abortion movement, mirroring the extremes we have seen in states like New York. For these reasons, March for Life Action will score against the legislation in our annual scorecard for the First Session of the 116th Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Tom McClusky".

Thomas McClusky
President, March for Life Action