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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. 2975, the deceptively named Women's Health Protection Act of 2019. This legislation specifically seeks to eliminate all pro-life and conscience protections in current law. While the legislation is in the hearing process, if the legislation reaches the House floor, March for Life Action will score a "yes" vote negatively in our scorecard for the 116th Congress.

H.R. 2975 is not your run of the mill proposal as it seeks to radicalize the abortion issue. The legislation would not only overturn all federal and state laws that seek to protect women and children it goes even further to make it illegal for elected officials or health care professionals from being pro-life.

The bill would invalidate nearly all existing state limitations on abortion, and prohibit states from adopting new limitations in the future, including various types of laws specifically upheld as constitutionally permissible by the U.S. Supreme Court. Among the laws that the bill would nullify are requirements to provide women seeking abortion with specific information on their unborn child and on alternatives to abortion, laws providing reflection periods (waiting periods), laws allowing medical professionals to opt out of providing abortions, laws limiting the performance of abortions to licensed physicians, bans on elective abortion after 20 weeks, meaningful limits on abortion after viability, and bans on the use of abortion as a method of sex selection. These laws generally have broad public support in the states in which they are enacted, including support from substantial majorities of women.

The bill would also invalidate most previously enacted *federal* limits on abortion, including federal conscience protection laws and most, if not all, limits on government funding of abortion.

Conscience rights also are eliminated under the bill. 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 116th Congress.

Sincerely,

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