

The Right to Life

Conservatives celebrate the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision as a historic victory in the effort to defend innocent life and to return to the Constitution as it was written. Still, it is important to remember the toll that abortion has already taken. Abortions are responsible for over 1 billion lives lost since 1920,^[281] and 73 million lost annually (equal to all the deaths of the Second World War).^[282]

Since *Dobbs*, the Biden Administration has made it one of their primary missions to advance even more radical abortion policies. For example, the President has directed the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) to order pharmacies to provide abortion pills, undermining the laws of various states and risking the health of mothers and children.^[283] Shamefully, the President is also working to use Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs funding in violation of current law and decades of bipartisan precedent to promote his radical stance of taxpayer-funded abortion-on-demand. The federal government simply should not support or subsidize interstate abortion travel in any way. The RSC Budget recognizes that current federal policies fail to uphold the 14th Amendment and protect the right to life for our nation's most vulnerable and opposes any federal policy that directly or indirectly facilitates or subsidizes abortions. Additionally, the RSC Budget supports the heroic efforts made by countless families, individuals, and organizations to provide resources to mothers and children in need including through crisis pregnancy centers.

Additionally, the RSC Budget applauds the following measures designed to advance the pro-life cause:

- Rep. Diana Harshbarger (R-TN) and RSC Chairman Kevin Hern's legislation to rescind the FDA rule removing safety protocols for the abortion pill mifepristone.
- Rep. Mike Johnson's (R-LA) Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, which would make it a federal crime to transport a minor across state lines without parental consent for the purpose of obtaining an abortion. It would also make it a federal crime for a physician to perform an abortion on an out-of-state minor without notifying the minor's parent.
- Rep. Virginia Foxx's (R-NC) bill, the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act, which would prohibit abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, from receiving Title X funding.
- Rep. Mike Kelly's (R-PA) bill, the Heartbeat Protection Act, which would prohibit abortions after a fetal heartbeat has been detected. Last year, the RSC's Steering Committee officially endorsed the Heartbeat Protection Act.
- Rep. Alex Mooney's (R-WV) Life at Conception Act, which would provide 14th amendment protections at all stages of life.
- Rep. Ann Wagner's (R-MO) bill, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would protect infant survivors of abortion and ensure that all infants born alive receive the same degree of care, regardless of their gestational age.
- Rep. Chris Smith's (R-NJ) Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act, which would prohibit abortions after 15 weeks.
- Rep. Michelle Fischbach's (R-MN) Protecting Life and Taxpayers Act of 2023 would require entities to certify that they will not provide abortion in order to receive federal funding.

- Rep. Michael Cloud's (R-TX) bill, the Women's Public Health and Safety Act would amend Medicaid to allow states to prevent abortion providers from receiving funding.
- Former RSC Chairman Jim Banks' (R-IN) bill, the Taxpayer Conscience Protection Act, which would require public reporting on Medicaid funds given to abortion providers.
- Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer's (R-MO) bill, the Protecting Life and Integrity in Research Act, which would prohibit fetal tissue research on remains obtained from induced abortions.
- Former RSC Chairman Jim Banks' (R-IN) bill, the Patients First Act, which would promote the use of adult stem cells for research purposes and prohibit the use of fetal stem cells or the creation of a human embryo for research purposes.
- Rep. Debbie Lesko's (R-AZ) bill, the Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act, which would ban dismemberment abortions.
- Rep. Ron Estes' (R-KS) bill, the Protecting Individuals with Down Syndrome Act, which would ban the performance of an abortion because a baby received a prenatal diagnosis of Down Syndrome.
- Rep. Bob Latta's (R-OH) bill, the Support and Value Expectant Moms and Babies Act, which would block the approval of new drugs that cause medical abortion.
- Former RSC Chairman Jim Banks' (R-IN) bill to prohibit President Biden from rescinding President Trump's Title X family planning rule, which stops funds from going to entities, such as Planned Parenthood, that use Title X funds to provide abortion.
- Rep. Chris Smith's (R-NJ) bill, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act, which would permanently codify abortion prohibitions like the Hyde Amendment. This legislation would also prohibit the use of Obamacare premium tax credits, cost-sharing subsidies, and small business tax credits for being used to purchase health plans that include elective abortion coverage.
- Rep. Andy Harris' (R-MD) bill, the Conscience Protection Act, which would prevent government at the local, state, or federal level from discriminatory practices and penalization of health care providers that do not participate in highly controversial abortion services. Similarly, Rep. Buddy Carter's (R-GA) Pharmacist Conscience Protection Act would protect the conscience rights of pharmacists who object to abortion.
- Rep. Jason Smith's (R-MO) No Abortion Bonds Act, which would remove the tax-exempt status of any bond that goes to an abortion provider or abortion clinic.
- Rep. Ronny Jackson's (R-TX) legislation to prevent the Department of Defense from paying for, or reimbursing the cost of, abortions.
- Rep. Michael Cloud's (R-TX) Congressional Review Act resolution to prevent the Department of Veterans Affairs from providing abortions.
- Rep. Ann Wagner's (R-MO) Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act, which would ban discrimination against the unborn on the basis of sex and ban sex-selective abortions.
- Rep. Bob Good's (R-VA) Telehealth Abortion Prevention Act, which would ensure that telehealth does not open a back door to abortion providers by making it a federal crime to distribute chemical abortion drugs without a physical examination. The bill also requires abortion providers to be physically present for a chemical abortion procedure.
- Rep. Chip Roy's (R-TX) Protecting Life on College Campus Act, which would prohibit federal funding for educational institutions that partner with or host student health services that provide abortions.

- Rep. Brian Babin's (R-TX) Protecting Life in Crisis Act, which would prohibit funds from COVID relief packages from being used for abortion and health plans that fund abortion.
- Rep. Ralph Norman's (R-SC) Ensuring Accurate and Complete Abortion Data Reporting Act, which would require states to provide certain abortion data to the Centers for Disease Control as a condition of receiving federal family planning funds.
- Rep. Tracey Mann's (R-KS) legislation to require the president to provide information regarding forthcoming executive actions on abortion to Congress.
- Rep. Michael Cloud's (R-TX) resolution to withdraw Obamacare's Section 1303 rule allowing insurance plans to bill customers once for health care premiums and abortion coverage.
- Former Rep. Ted Budd's (R-NC) Stopping Traffickers and Their Accomplices Act, which would require abortion providers to report suspected human trafficking to the National Human Trafficking Hotline.
- Rep. Mike Johnson's (R-LA) H. Con Res 3, which condemns left-wing attacks on pro-life facilities and groups and calls on the Biden administration to utilize law enforcement to ensure their safety.