

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 21, 2024

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Vice Chair  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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Dear Chair Murray and Vice Chair Collins,

As the Senate Appropriations Committee continues to work on legislation for Fiscal Year 2025, we urge the committee to ensure that longstanding, bipartisan pro-life provisions are included as bill text. These provisions have been enshrined in law every year for decades, and it is essential that we continue this bipartisan work to protect our nation's most vulnerable – the unborn.

A procedure intended to end a human life cannot credibly be considered a form of health care. A majority of Americans, including majorities of Republicans and independents, [oppose](#) the use of taxpayer dollars to bankroll abortions.

Since 1976, and every year thereafter, Congress has renewed the Hyde Amendment, which ensures taxpayer dollars are not used to fund abortion other than in cases of rape, incest, or when a pregnancy would threaten the life of the mother. Americans should never be forced to fund procedures that most [consider](#) to be murder. The Hyde Amendment, which is included in the language of the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, safeguards the ethical, moral, and religious convictions of millions of Americans.

The Hyde Amendment is only one of many corresponding policies that have been enacted on a bipartisan basis in annual appropriations bills to guarantee taxpayers are not forced to bankroll abortions conducted both domestically and abroad. There are numerous other legacy provisions that play an integral role in protecting life. Examples of these include the following:

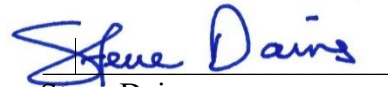
**The Smith (NJ) Amendment** (bans taxpayer dollars from funding abortions for federal employees); **The Dornan Amendment** (prohibits taxpayer dollars from funding abortions in the District of Columbia); **Abortion Funding for Prisoners** (restricts taxpayer dollars from funding abortions for federal prisoners); **The Helms Amendment** (bars taxpayer dollars from funding abortions as foreign assistance – a policy which 67 percent of Americans [support](#)); **The Siljander Amendment** (prohibits taxpayer dollars from funding any lobbying regarding abortion); **The Kemp-Kasten Amendment** (grants the president the discretion to ban organizations that promote coercive abortion from receiving U.S. funds); **The Weldon Amendment** (permits health care and insurance providers to opt out of participating in elected abortion procedures based on their deeply held moral or religious beliefs -- a policy which 66 percent of Americans [support](#)).

We respectfully call on the committee to retain all long-standing pro-life provisions in all Fiscal Year 2025 appropriations legislation. Doing so follows decades-long precedent and honors the desires of most Americans not to financially support this life-ending procedure. Thank you for your sincere consideration of this request.

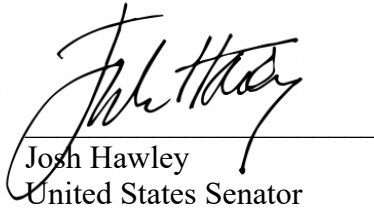
Sincerely,



Marsha Blackburn  
United States Senator



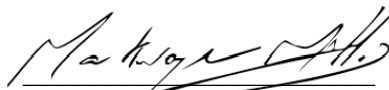
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