



OPPOSE H.R. 26, THE “BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT”

H.R. 26, the so-called “Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act,” is an unnecessary and dangerous bill designed to interfere with a woman’s right to choose and doctor’s ability to provide medical care. Republicans want to imprison doctors who refuse to comply with their new rules. **This bill is another step in the Republican plan to criminalize abortion nationwide. Vote NO on H.R. 26.**

- ***H.R. 26 is a dangerous intrusion into medical decision-making:*** Republicans want to override both the medical judgement of health care providers and the power of states to set forth standards of care. This interference—and the bill’s strict criminal penalties—are intended to intimidate doctors and force them out of practice, even where abortion remains legal.
- ***H.R. 26 may endanger infants:*** The bill’s requirement that a health care practitioner ensure the immediate transportation and admission of a newborn infant to a hospital may not always be in the best interests of the infant’s health. In some cases, the nearest hospital may lack the resources, providers, and facilities necessary to ensure proper care for an infant. It may be safer and healthier to care for a medically fragile infant where it was born, rather than transporting it many miles away.
- ***H.R. 26 is a solution in search of a problem:*** The law has always protected newborn infants from both intentional harm by health care practitioners and harm from medical negligence. In 2002, Congress passed the bipartisan Born-Alive Infant Protection Act, to reiterate that fact—and even that law was unnecessary given protections already on the books.
- ***H.R. 26 is part of the Republican plan to enact a nationwide abortion ban:*** The Republican Party wants to take away women’s freedom to make personal decisions that impact their autonomy, family, and well-being. Overturning *Roe v. Wade* was just the start. Republicans and extreme anti-abortion forces are determined to enact a nationwide ban on abortion and H.R. 26 is just another step in reaching that goal.