

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Hoyer, Chairwoman DeLauro,

I write you today deeply concerned by the recent rhetoric and policy directives coming from leadership in your party. This troubling language seems aimed at abdicating the responsibility we have to protect and defend the sanctity of human life, specifically unborn life.

In a December hearing on the Hyde amendment, Chairwoman DeLauro stated this: “While the Labor, HHS, Education bill has carried the Hyde amendment every year since 1976 this is the last year.” This is deeply disturbing.

The Hyde amendment has protected nearly 2.5 million lives since its first inclusion in an appropriations bill in 1976. Democrat majorities in Congress were instrumental in the first passage of the amendment, as 295 Democrats in the House and Senate supported the measure. The majority of the American people are still largely in favor of this amendment. A 2020 Marist poll found that 60 percent of Americans, including 37 percent of people who identify themselves as pro-choice, oppose taxpayer funding of abortion. As further evidence of American support for the Hyde amendment, a vast majority of states also have a policy to prohibit taxpayer funding for abortion. Against the will of a majority of American people, the Democratic Party has made the amendment’s repeal a top plank in their platform.

We cannot and will not allow this to stand.

You are abandoning all protection for the unborn, and instead by removing the amendment you are coercing taxpayers to use their hard-earned dollars to fund abortions.

Let me be clear: I am willing to use every tool in the legislative arsenal necessary to block your efforts and protect unborn life. Any assault on life and the consciences of American taxpayers must be stopped. This could mean prolonging the appropriations process or forcing additional procedural votes. You must reconsider this extreme and divisive break with historical precedent. The last thing a political party that claims to champion protecting the vulnerable should do is advance a radical abortion agenda endangering the lives of millions of Americans.

I plan to counter your pro-abortion efforts every step of the way.

Sincerely,



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