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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
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U.S. House of Representatives
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Chair DeLauro:

For more than four decades, across multiple Administrations and Congresses led by both Democrats and Republicans, language has been included in the Labor-Health and Human Services Appropriations bill that restricts federal taxpayer funding for abortion under most circumstances. The Hyde Amendment, named for its author, the late Illinois Congressman Henry Hyde, has always enjoyed broad bipartisan support. Before he entered the White House and as recently as June 2019, President Biden himself expressed support for retaining the Hyde Amendment in annual funding bills.


In his Inaugural Address, President Biden spoke of the need for unity among Americans. We agree that unity at this time is certainly needed, particularly in light of the divided political climate. And, while the country may be divided on the question of abortion, a significant majority of Americans do agree that the federal government should not use taxpayer dollars to subsidize abortion.


We sincerely urge you to keep the Hyde provisions and other similar Hyde-type policies that have been enacted in annual appropriations bills as you develop the fiscal year 2022 appropriations bills. These provisions reflect a time-tested balance of strongly held and differing perspectives on abortion in this country. As such, we will strongly oppose any appropriations bill that seeks to weaken pro-life protections or eliminates Hyde policies.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,


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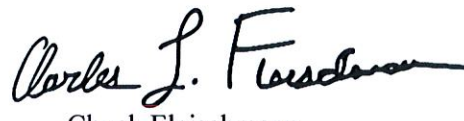

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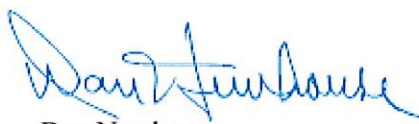

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