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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
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Dear Leader McCarthy and Leader McConnell,

We encourage you to join us in opposition to President Biden's budget and reject any legislation that does not include provisions protecting the sanctity of life. On May 28, 2021, President Biden released his budget proposal for fiscal year 2022. Regrettably, it does not include pro-life protections such as the Hyde Amendment.

Originally introduced in 1976, the Hyde Amendment ensures that American tax dollars are not spent on abortions. It has enjoyed bipartisan support since it was first introduced. Every president from Jimmy Carter to Donald Trump included it in their budget proposals or signed it into law. Even President Obama, thought by some to be the most pro-abortion president in our nation's history, included protections for the unborn in each of his annual budgets.

The Hyde Amendment is a long-standing pro-life protection that reflects the will of the American people. A Marist poll released in January 2021 found that 58 percent of Americans oppose taxpayer-funded abortions, including 65 percent of Independents and 31 percent of Democrats.¹ But legalization of abortion is not enough for pro-choice extremists; they want others to pay for taking the life of their unborn babies.

The Hyde Amendment saves lives by reducing abortions. Over the last four decades, the Hyde Amendment has prevented over two million deaths and continues to protect the conscience rights of the majority of Americans who oppose funding abortions.

Often our Democrat colleagues talk of standing up for communities of color, but they refuse to recognize that a disproportionate number of abortions in the United States kill black and Latino babies.² This number will increase if the federal government begins to fund abortions. If our Democrat colleagues truly cared about communities of color, they would advocate for policies that lead women out of situations where abortion seems like the only option rather than advocate for policies that will lead to the deaths of millions of children.

¹ Marist Poll, Americans' Opinions on Abortion (Jan. 2021),
<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/polls/kofc-americans-opinions-on-abortion012021.pdf>.

² American Life League, Abortion Statistics,
<https://www.all.org/learn/abortion/abortion-statistics/>.

Protecting life strikes at the heart of who we are as a people. Our founding document enshrined the self-evident truth “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are **Life**, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”³ For more than four decades, the Hyde Amendment has been at the forefront of Congress’s continued commitment to our nation’s founding principles. Removing it from legislation would be a dramatic shift in our stance on protecting life and would signify the federal government’s betrayal of our founding ideals.

We cannot allow President Biden and his radical allies in Congress to trample on America’s founding principles by eroding protections for the most vulnerable Americans. We urge you to stand with us in defending the sanctity of life and reject any proposal made by President Biden or congressional Democrats that does not include strong pro-life protections.

Sincerely,



Andy Biggs
Member of Congress



Jeff Duncan
Member of Congress



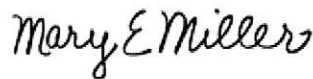
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³ The Declaration of Independence para. 2 (U.S. 1776).



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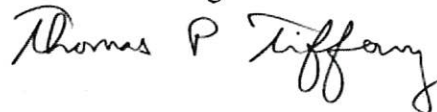
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