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U.S. House  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of March for Life Action and the millions of pro-life Americans who march to end abortion, I am writing to voice our opposition to the \$3.5 trillion budget busting legislation, S. Con. Res. 14, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2022 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2023 through 2031. This budget sets the stage to send billions to subsidize and pay for abortions through the budget reconciliation process. The legislation also threatens to neutralize long-standing bipartisan pro-life protections, such as the Hyde Amendment. March for Life Action will score the legislation negatively in our annual scorecard for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Once again Speaker Pelosi (R-Calif.), joined by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and President Joe Biden, ignores the needs of the American people to promote an abortion heavy agenda of the wealthy big abortion industry. The current budget resolution text sets the stage to add to the billions in taxpayer funds we already send to abortion groups, with no Hyde-like protections.

In addition to abortion subsidies and expansion of state health care exchanges that pay for abortions using tax dollars, the Reconciliation bill is expected to include language similar to legislation first introduced by Senator Raphael Warnock (D-GA) that would bypass state authority and pro-life protections in relations to Medicaid. This new language creates a parallel Medicaid program, financed through direct appropriations and only Federal funds, to bypass current pro-life protections and state legislatures, to provide the equivalent of Medicaid coverage for those 12 states that have not yet expanded Medicaid. It would directly fund abortions on demand without copays or premiums - and could pass in theory with 50 votes. The incentives included in the legislation would affect more than just the dozen states that have refused Medicaid expansion as more states would probably switch over to this look-alike program as it puts less of a burden on states to match funds.

[House](#) and [Senate](#) Leadership have indicated this will become part of the Reconciliation bill. *“This push for Medicaid expansion is now on the road to being included in the next economic package,”* Sen. Raphael G. Warnock (D-Ga.) told reporters on a call

This legislation is the furthering of the philosophy of Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-SC) that the current crisis was a “tremendous opportunity to restructure things to fit our vision.” It also reflects then-candidate Joe Biden’s quote of “From this moment of crisis, we have the opportunity to not just rebuild our economy — *but transform it.*” Only a party that has come to be the largest defender of the barbarism of abortion would call the opportunity to fleece billions of tax dollars to pay for abortions as a “tremendous opportunity.” For these reasons, March for Life Action will score against S. Con. Res. 14 in our annual scorecard for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

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