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United States House of Representatives 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 <u>H.R. 8297</u>, the Ensuring Access to Abortion Act of 2022. This radical legislation will endanger women and children, through expanding the reach of chemical abortions and by undermining state pro-life laws. March for Life Action will score a "yes" vote negatively in our scorecard for the 117th Congress.

The landmark Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overturned the wrongly decided *Roe v. Wade*, returning the power to protect the unborn to the American people through their elected representatives. In response to the *Dobbs* decision, which confirmed there is no constitutional right to abortion, H.R. 8297 was filed to expand abortion access and undercut pro-life state efforts to protect women and the unborn in their laws.

The Ensuring Access to Abortion Act of 2022 is deeply troubling for a number of reasons. H.R. 8297 would severely restrict the ability of states to limit or stop the mailing of chemical abortions (mifepristone and misoprostol) over state lines, undermining states ability to protect the unborn and women from DIY abortions.

H.R. 8297 could also allow abortion providers to prescribe chemical abortions by mail across state lines through telemedicine, without requiring a physical examination or confirmation of the gestational age of the unborn child as required by many state laws, not only endangering the child but the life of the mother particularly in cases of ectopic pregnancies which can be deadly to the women. The bill not only undermines laws that restrict telemedicine abortions, but could shield the abortion providers from any civil and/or criminal liability in these tragic cases as well.

Another egregious impact of this bill is that it could be used to shield child abusers and sexual abusers from civil and/or criminal liability who transport women or girls across state lines for abortions.

Efforts should be made to provide love and compassion to these women facing unexpected pregnancies, not efforts to shield and protect their abusers, and others who benefit from abortions.

These extreme efforts are not reflective of the will of the American people. A new <u>Harvard CAPS Harris</u> poll conducted post *Dobbs* demonstrates that 90% of Americans oppose unrestricted abortion access through all nine months of pregnancy.

This bill is, in short, an effort to remove restrictions on chemical abortions from passing over state lines and as such seeks to undermine state pro-life laws and further an extreme abortion agenda out of touch with the American people. It does not seek the best interests of mothers and children. We ask that you oppose these radical efforts that are not in the best interest of Americans.



Women and children deserve laws that protect and nurture them, not further exploit and endanger their health and safety.

For these reasons, March for Life Action will score against the <u>H.R. 8297</u>, the Ensuring Access to Abortion Act of 2022 in our annual scorecard for the 117th Congress.

Sincerely,

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