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RE: H.R. 6800 (Health and Economic Recovery  
Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act)

Dear Representative:

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of state right-to-life organizations, strongly urges you to oppose H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act, or the HEROES Act. **National Right to Life reserves the right to include any roll call on H.R. 6800 in our scorecard of key pro-life votes of the 116th Congress.**

H.R. 6800 contains numerous provisions aimed at propping up the abortion industry as well as potentially funneling millions of dollars into programs without Hyde protections. The list of offensive provisions below is by no means exhaustive, but meant to highlight several egregious items.

**-H.R. 6800 allows Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider to qualify for loans intended for small businesses.**

The Paycheck Protection Program established by the CARES Act provided funding to small businesses up to 500 employees in order to help retain and continue to pay their staff.

The CARES act applied the Small Business Administration's affiliation rules to determine whether nonprofits qualify for this assistance. Planned Parenthood has roughly 16,000 employees nationwide when all the affiliates are combined. However, H.R. 6800 removes the affiliation rule and Planned Parenthood, which posted \$240 million in "excess revenue" last year alone, would likely be eligible to receive additional millions in grant money meant for small businesses.

**-H.R. 6800 issues grants to provide enhanced premium pay to certain categories of workers, and there is nothing barring abortion industry employees from receiving this additional money.**

H.R. 6800 helps employers to pay individual essential workers \$13/hour up to \$10,000 above and beyond normal employee earnings.

While these funds are intended for essential workers, including those in healthcare settings, many states have deemed abortion as an "essential service." Employees at abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, would qualify for these bonus payments during and beyond the Public Health Emergency.

**-H.R. 6800 creates a \$100 billion dollar fund called Health Care Provider Relief Fund and this money could flow to abortion providers.**

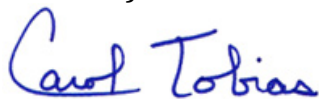
The term "eligible health care provider" is one "that provides diagnostic or testing services or treatment to individuals with a confirmed or presumptive diagnosis of COVID-19."

Abortion clinics, including Planned Parenthood could be eligible to receive these fund as a facility providing "testing services or treatment" not for COVID-related issues - but merely to any patient that has or may have had COVID-19.

For the reasons above, in addition to other numerous provisions aimed at funneling millions of dollars into programs without pro-life protections, we urge you to oppose this legislation.

Any questions can be directed to [jpopik@nrlc.org](mailto:jpopik@nrlc.org).

Sincerely,



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