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Ban on Abortion Method

The so-called "Partial-Birth Abortion Ban" Act seeks to criminalize physicians for performing a certain type of later abortion procedure. Anti-choice forces have succeeded in sensationalizing this surgical technique, known medically as intact dilatation and evacuation (IDE). Seeking extreme reactions, they have falsely dubbed the surgery "Partial-Birth Abortion," and presented misleading drawings and descriptions. This particular procedure is used only in about 500 cases per year, generally after 20 weeks of pregnancy, and most often when there is a severe fetal anomaly or maternal health problem detected late in pregnancy. Although the propaganda around the bill addresses later abortions, the vague and non-medical language of the legislation itself could well allow prosecution of physicians for performing any abortion after the first trimester.

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NAF continues to lead a coordinated campaign in opposition to this legislation, assisted by the participation of several courageous women and families who chose to have later abortions when wanted pregnancies were diagnosed with devastating anomalies. Through NAF's sponsorship, they have testified at hearings and met personally with hundreds of House and Senate staffers and Members of Congress. NAF also organized physicians and other medical professionals who provided written and oral testimony at House and Senate hearings; developed educational and informational materials; lobbied Congress and professional medical associations in opposition to the bill; and assisted our members in mobilizing grassroots opposition to the legislation in their communities.

Combating the Claims About H.R. 1833

Let Families Decide

Patients' Testimonies

- Testimony of Viki Wilson
- Testimony of Coreen Costello
- Testimony of Erica Fox
- Testimony of Phyllis G. Baker
- Testimony of Vikki Stella
- Testimony of Claudia Crown Ades
- Testimony of Richard Ades
- Patients Fight Back - A Letter to Senator Smith