

July 19, 2022

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**RE: Scorecard Advisory – H.R. 8294  
Appropriations “Minibus”**

Dear Representative:

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the federation of state right-to-life organizations, urges you to oppose the appropriations “minibus” package (H.R. 8294), which includes Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture, Rural Development, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs.

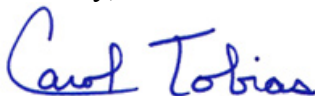
***Because H.R. 8294 fails to include the longstanding Smith and Dornan Amendments, National Right to Life urges you to oppose H.R. 8294 and intends to include votes related to this legislation in our scorecard of key right-to-life votes of the 117th Congress.***

H.R. 8294 would repeal the “D.C. Hyde Amendment” (sometimes called the Dornan Amendment) that has prevented tax-funded abortion in the District of Columbia for many years. The “D.C. Hyde Amendment” prohibits the use of government funds to pay for abortion in the Federal District (except to save the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest), which for decades (with brief interruptions) has been part of the annual appropriations bill that covers the District.

H.R. 8294 would repeal the “Smith Amendment” which, for most of the past 40 years, has prohibited the use of government funds to pay for abortion (except to save the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest) in the United States Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHBP).

Should you have any questions, please contact us at (202) 378-8863, or via e-mail at [jpopik@nrlc.org](mailto:jpopik@nrlc.org). Thank you for your consideration of NRLC’s position on this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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