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Dear Representative,

We are very disappointed in the final version of the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024* "NDAA" (H.R. 2670) that was released from the conference committee. After an entire year of fighting against the Department of Defense's policy allowing reimbursement for personnel and their families travel expenses to receive abortions out of state, the language prohibiting action has been stripped from the NDAA. Using our nation's military, the Biden administration is propping up the abortion industry, disenfranchising women, and breaking standing law.

This is a failure to not only protect life but to hold the DOD accountable for overstepping their legal authority. If Congress does not steward their Constitutional duty of checks and balances on the executive branch, the federal government will continue to find more ways to control American lives.

The *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* that overturned *Roe v. Wade* was a win for individuals who hold the belief that life is valuable and that decisions on this matter should be made by the American people. However, the Biden administration is not operating in this manner. They are ignoring the rule of law. They will continue to aggressively push this agenda through power of the pen and regulatory reform if Congress allows it.

House Republicans included this provision in the NDAA, and Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) used the tools at his hands to fight for women and their babies. Keeping this provision in the NDAA would have been a clear path forward for Sen. Tuberville to release his holds on military nominees as well as a necessary act of legislative authority. Despite much support from many pro-life members and pro-life groups, this measure is nowhere to be found in the final bill.

Additionally, a handful of top conservative priorities have been eliminated. Those include prohibitions on taxpayer funded transgender surgeries, drag queen shows and story hours, Chief Diversity Officers, and certain climate change policies initiated by the Biden administration. All of this was traded for a reauthorization of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) that is unconstitutional to begin with. This is no way strengthens our military readiness. In fact, the opposite is true.

It's time for our Republicans to deliver on their campaign promises. For this reason, we will score against passage of the version of the NDAA released by conference.

In strength,

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