



April 29, 2015

Representative
House of Representatives
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of March for Life Action, I write to voice our support for H.J. Res. 43, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014.

The Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014 (RHNDA) prevents religious institutions, other faith-based employers, and pro-life advocacy organizations from making employment decisions consistent with their sincerely held religious beliefs or their moral and ethical views about the sanctity of human life. It thus plainly invalid under federal law and squarely contradicts the Supreme Court's recent, unanimous ruling in *Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Church and School v. EEOC*. RHNDA clearly violates protections guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

The March for Life exists primarily to provide an opportunity for Americans to practice two of their First Amendment protected rights when it comes to the issue of abortion: The right to freedom of speech and the right to freedom of participation. We organize the largest pro-life (or civil rights) demonstration in the world right here in our nation's capital every January.

RHNDA will be oppressive for an organization like the March for Life. In short RHNDA will force the March for life to hire people that disagree with our very reason for being and our work. Even worse we could be forced to pay for the procedure that we are so ardently working to end, abortion. The irony is that in the name of opposing "discrimination," groups like ours-- because our views are not popular with the DC Council and new mayoral administration --are not only being discriminated against but worse, will be forced into a corner on this issue. We have in essence lost our voice to do that for which we began.

Again, we fully support H.J. Res. 43, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Reproductive Health Non-Discrimination Amendment Act of 2014.

Sincerely,

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