



December 18, 2017

U.S. Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of March for Life Action and the millions of pro-life Americans who elected you to office, I am writing to voice our grievous concerns over the current legislative effort for reinsurance and cost-share reduction (CSR) bailouts for Obamacare plans. Obamacare deviated from the longstanding Hyde amendment principle by funding insurance plans that cover abortion. Because of that today hundreds of subsidized Obamacare plans currently cover abortion. Reinsurance and CSR payments will increase abortion coverage in healthcare by adding additional funding stream for these abortion-covering plans if they do not include Hyde-life protections.

The reinsurance and CSR effort under discussion also includes appropriating more than \$21 billion in new funds over two years to subsidize plans, including those that cover elective abortion on the exchanges for over 1.2 million people. If such a bill does not explicitly include the Hyde Amendment protections, cost-sharing reduction payments to insurers will fund plans that cover abortion. In other words, a pro-life Congress will have opened the doors to more taxpayer funding of abortion.

March for Life Action is totally opposed to such an effort. If these healthcare bailout programs do not include Hyde-life protections, March for Life Action will score against the entire spending bill in our annual scorecard for the First Session of the 115th Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom McClusky".

Thomas McClusky
Vice President of Government Affairs