



April 17, 2023

United States Senate  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of March for Life Action and the millions of pro-life Americans who march to end abortion, I am writing to voice our strong support for Senator Tommy Tuberville's Congressional Review Act resolution, [S.J.Res. 10](#). This resolution seeks to overturn a recent Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) interim final rule, 87 Fed. Reg. 55287, published on September 9, 2022, that unlawfully provides taxpayer funding for on demand abortions for veterans, or their wives and daughters. March for Life Action will score a "yes" vote positively on our scorecard for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.

The VA rule stands in direct violation of a bipartisan law that has remained in effect for decades, Section 106 of the Veterans Health Care Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-585, [106 Stat. 4943](#)). In Section 106, Congress authorized the VA to provide certain health services to women veterans *but explicitly prohibits abortion in VA health programs*, except in rare service-related circumstances. The VA rule violates this provision by allowing for on-demand abortions, pursuant to the broad construction given the "health" of the mother exception.

The rule also sets no limits for the gestational age of the unborn children, thereby permitting painful late term abortions through all nine months of pregnancy. The rule undoes the current policy in place which prohibits abortion counseling and allows payment for abortion counseling for covered and noncovered abortions.

The preamble to the rule includes language about the so-called "benefits" of abortion for women; however, there is no information provided about the science of emotional and physical impact of abortion for many women, including, in some cases, life threatening [complications](#), such as hemorrhaging and infection. In addition to these serious consequences, the baby should also be considered -- abortion always results in the ending of an innocent human life. The VA should be focusing their resources on caring for women, children and families, not expanding access to abortion.

The rule includes no explicit conscience protections for VA healthcare professionals. No medical professional should be forced to perform an act that violates their conscience, regardless of reason.

In short, the rule circumvents the legislative process by converting VA facilities into abortion providers in violation of a [decades-old bipartisan federal law](#), and undercuts pro-life state laws that protect women and the unborn and the will of the American people.



Our veterans and their families deserve laws and regulations that protect and nurture, not further exploit and endanger their health and safety.

For these reasons, March for Life Action will score in favor of the Senator Tuberville's Congressional Review Act resolution, [S.J.Res. 10](#), in our annual scorecard for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Felicia A. Pricenor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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