

And, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists explains that this "legislation represents gross interference in the practice of medicine, inserting a politician in between a woman and her trusted doctor."

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing H.R. 3504, an anti-choice, anti-woman, and thoroughly unnecessary measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 421, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD ACT OF 2015

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 421, I call up the bill (H.R. 3134) to provide for a moratorium on Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 421, the amendment printed in House Report 114-262 is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 3134

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) State and county health departments, community health centers, hospitals, physicians offices, and other entities currently provide, and will continue to provide, health services to women. Such health services include relevant diagnostic laboratory and radiology services, well-child care, prenatal and postpartum care, immunization, family planning services (including contraception), cervical and breast cancer screenings and referrals, and sexually transmitted disease testing.

(2) Many such entities provide services to all persons, regardless of the person's ability to pay, and provide services in medically underserved areas and to medically underserved populations.

(3) All funds that are no longer available to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. and its affiliates and clinics pursuant to this Act will continue to be made available

to other eligible entities to provide women's health care services.

(4) Funds authorized to be appropriated, and appropriated, by section 4 are offset by the funding limitation under section 3(a).

SEC. 3. MORATORIUM ON FEDERAL FUNDING TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For the one-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, subject to subsection (b), no funds authorized or appropriated by Federal law may be made available for any purpose to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any affiliate or clinic of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., unless such entities certify that Planned Parenthood Federation of America affiliates and clinics will not perform, and will not provide any funds to any other entity that performs, an abortion during such period.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to an abortion—

(1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest; or

(2) in the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself.

(c) REPAYMENT.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Agriculture shall seek repayment of any Federal assistance received by Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., or any affiliate or clinic of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., if it violates the terms of the certification required by subsection (a) during the period specified in subsection (a).

SEC. 4. FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated, and appropriated, \$235,000,000 for the community health center program under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b), in addition to any other funds made available to such program, for the period for which the funding limitation under section 3(a) applies.

(b) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized or appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) may be expended for an abortion other than as described in section 3(b).

SEC. 5. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to reduce overall Federal funding available in support of women's health.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their designee.

The gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Tennessee.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 3134.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in strong support of H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015.

Madam Speaker, we all remember the images of Kermit Gosnell killing babies who were born alive after a botched abortion.

We know that those are sickening, and we know that they have renewed the demand for accountability from the American people. That is why we come before you today with H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015.

New documentation of these heinous practices that we have seen in videos, videos that have come out of Planned Parenthood abortion clinics of harvesting the body parts of babies as part of the abortion process, have raised serious questions about the possible systematic and repeated violation of State and Federal laws.

H.R. 3134 provides a 1-year moratorium, a freezing—a freezing—on the Federal funding to Planned Parenthood Federation of America and all of its affiliates while investigations are ongoing regarding the practices of the abortion industry.

Madam Speaker, most people think that is common sense. If there is reason to investigate, then there is reason to withhold taxpayer dollars during that period of time. Those dollars would be given to other facilities that provide women's health services.

The American taxpayer has been very clear for a long time that they do not want taxpayer money spent on abortion; 68 percent of Americans oppose it. What is so interesting to me is that we know that 71 percent of all millennials oppose this.

I would remind my colleagues, Madam Speaker, there is no difference between men and women on this. There is bipartisan opposition from men and women to this practice. Additionally, the majority of Americans are opposed to the sale of body parts of babies obtained after abortion.

So the discussion today is not about videos or women's health access. We know there are other ways to get that access. It is about our most basic right. It is about the right to life.

It is also about doing what the taxpayers sent us to D.C. to do. It is also about continuing the process to protect our most vulnerable citizens, innocent little babies.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to the "Deny Women Health Care Act."

Madam Speaker, congressional approval ratings are at an all-time low, and here is another example of why:

Republicans in Congress have failed to fulfill their fundamental responsibility to our great Nation again.

Republicans have pushed America to the brink of another government shutdown, and we are a mere 5 legislative days away.

Republicans in Congress have refused to sit down and negotiate a bipartisan appropriations plan despite the urging of Democrats, business leaders, military servicemembers, and citizens all across America.

The bill brought to the floor today is an attempt by Republican leaders to distract the American public from their failure to do their job.

Last spring, we urged Republicans in Congress to sit down and hammer out an appropriations plan. They refused.

Instead, the Congress adjourned at the end of July. Nothing happened in August. Nothing has happened since the Congress has returned after Labor Day.

Now the Republican dysfunction in this House will have very serious consequences for our neighbors back home.

A Republican shutdown would hurt thousands of disabled veterans, disadvantaged children, small businesses, working families, and taxpayers.

The last time Republicans shut down the government for 16 days, the economy lost \$24 billion and 120,000 private sector jobs.

Here is what happened: The Republican shutdown stalled veterans disability claims, creating additional needless delays for our heroes seeking help.

Hundreds of critically sick Americans were prevented from enrolling in the NIH clinical trials, with 98 percent of the National Science Foundation, nearly three-quarters of NIH, and two-thirds of CDC employees furloughed.

Head Start grantees, serving thousands of children, were forced to close. American entrepreneurs and small businesses were cut off from millions of dollars in SBA loans.

Small businesses with government contracts faced abrupt payment delays and cutbacks. Almost \$4 billion in IRS refunds were delayed.

The Republican Congress' continuing dysfunction and inability to govern are having real impacts on hard-working Americans. The American people are tired of their relentless failure to govern and the culture of crisis.

Again and again Republicans have chosen to put their radical special interest agenda ahead of the priorities of hard-working Americans.

The American people deserve better, especially in this case, because the Deny Women Health Care Act is a cynical attack on the ability of women across America to receive the health services that they need at trusted Planned Parenthood clinics.

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I know many are passionate about these personal issues. That is why the Republicans advance this bill on this topic. They know it is sure to inflame passions. But to date, despite congressional inquiries into these false videotapes, there has been no wrongdoing uncovered whatsoever, no evidence to substantiate the allegations. What has emerged since the false videos were

posted on YouTube is a coordinated, broad-based smear campaign based upon false, manufactured videos that are full of distortions and misinformation.

The bill is one more assault in the long list of Republican assaults on women's health care over the last two decades because simply defunding Planned Parenthood would leave millions of American women without key preventative services, including birth control, family planning, lifesaving cancer screenings, testing and treatment of infections, well-women exams, and advice on family planning.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I was beginning to think that we were off on a different bill there for just a moment.

Madam Speaker, I yield 15 seconds to myself to respond.

Madam Speaker, we are not on a bill about a government shutdown. We are on a bill that will make certain that women have access to health care, H.R. 3134. I will remind my colleagues that it does remove the funds from Planned Parenthood, and it does enable them to go to women's health clinics.

Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACK), who is the author of this legislation and has been such an advocate for addressing women's healthcare needs.

Mrs. BLACK. Madam Speaker, as a nurse for more than 40 years and a believer in the God-given purpose of every human being, I am passionately pro-life. But do you know what? You don't have to agree with me to support this bill. No matter our views on abortion or the party label beside our name, we should all have an interest in ensuring that laws are followed and that the taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly. If a law is broken, particularly by those receiving government money, that should be remedied. That is not a political statement. That, quite literally, is our job here in Congress.

Two months ago, Madam Speaker, a series of undercover videos were released implicating Planned Parenthood in the illegal trafficking of aborted baby tissue and organs. Now, some of my colleagues have tried to dismiss these videos even without ever watching them. I get it. It is easier to try to discredit the source than to defend what is happening on these tapes.

Well, Madam Speaker, I did watch these videos, and I saw full conversations of Planned Parenthood employees in their own words discussing potentially lawbreaking activities. Congressional investigations are underway, but there are more than enough lingering questions to stop the flow of money—taxpayer dollars—to this abortion giant until our work is complete.

For this reason, I have introduced the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015. This legislation enacts a 1-year

moratorium on all Federal money going to Planned Parenthood. It does not reduce women's health funding by a single dime. As a matter of fact, we actually increase women's healthcare funding by over \$200 million. Instead, this legislation reallocates the funding to more than 13,500 facilities nationwide that provide true preventative care to those who need it the most, and they do not perform abortions.

What is more, Planned Parenthood can get their money back. Read the bill. They can get their money back if they fully commit to what they talk about in doing women's health care and stop performing abortions for this year.

Madam Speaker, if there exists even a possibility that Planned Parenthood violated our laws, as I believe they did, then pro-life and pro-choice Members of Congress alike must act to reallocate the funds now so that we are not trying to chase down the taxpayer dollars that already went out the door later on. This is ensuring that our laws are followed, that Americans know how their money is being spent, and that the conscience rights of taxpayers are respected.

Madam Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote on H.R. 3134.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I will reiterate again, there is no evidence whatsoever of any wrongdoing, and I maintain that this is a distraction from the Republican's fundamental failure to pass a budget 5 legislative days before a government shutdown.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE), the ranking member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I listened to the previous Republican speaker, and the deception that she poses to this Congress is unbelievable in my opinion.

First of all, she talks about these videos which we know have been misleading—edited, all kinds of changes have been made to them. The accuracy of them is totally unacceptable. They are not accurate. Then she says, well, just because they may be accurate that we should pass this bill defunding Planned Parenthood.

Well, when did this Congress get into the business of saying, well, before we decided whether you have actually broken the law and before we have any evidence that you have done so, we are just going to shut you down? That is not the way we operate. That is not due process. That is not the American way.

Then, Madam Speaker, she suggests that somehow this money is going to be given to other providers. I think she is probably talking about community health centers. Well, I will tell you, from my own experience with community health centers, that they don't have the ability to provide the women's health needs that are being proposed here that are actually provided

by Planned Parenthood. That is not going to happen. Those women are going to be deprived of health care.

So let's not continue with this deception about what is actually going on here. The Republicans just want to shut the government down if we don't defund Planned Parenthood. That is what they are all about.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and vice chair of the Health Subcommittee.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3134.

This bill would defund Planned Parenthood and its clinics for 1 full year. This summer, a series of disturbing videos shined a light on the gruesome practice being done in clinics across the country. No one has ever disputed that the employees of Planned Parenthood said what they said in the video. These videos have shocked and appalled countless Americans.

Federal dollars should not be going to an agency that is involved in such a horrific and disturbing practice. I have voted in the past to defund Planned Parenthood, and I will do so again today.

Madam Speaker, life is a precious gift, and I firmly believe we should do all we can to advance and support it. Today, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation to stop Planned Parenthood from continuing these practices.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. ENGEL).

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill. We are here because some have again chosen to reignite the same tired battles of years past—and bring our government to the brink of shutdown—to restrict women's control over their own health and bodies. I should not be deciding what is best for a woman's health. She should, and her doctor should.

That we are even having this debate—based on contrived, unsubstantiated allegations—about an organization that provides critical care to more than 2 million Americans is not only outrageous, it is downright irresponsible.

More than half of Planned Parenthood centers are in rural or medically underserved areas where access to health care is already too limited. Yet my colleagues want to make it even harder for women and men there to access HIV and STI tests, breast cancer screenings, cervical cancer screenings, and other lifesaving services.

Madam Speaker, this attempt to demonize Planned Parenthood is disgraceful.

Again, it is important to underscore that Federal insurance coverage of abortion is already restricted, so to defund Planned Parenthood is to

defund the preventative services that keep our constituents healthy. I urge a "no" vote.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield 10 seconds to myself to respond.

Again, Madam Speaker, refocusing us on the bill, we are talking about being certain that there is access to health care. Cancer screenings and prevention services from Planned Parenthood have been cut in half over the past 7 years. They do not perform mammograms. They perform over 300,000 abortions annually.

Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS), the vice chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Defund Planned Parenthood Act, a bill I am proud to cosponsor.

Madam Speaker, as the Energy and Commerce Committee continues its investigation into the troubling Planned Parenthood videos, it is crucial we do everything in our power to protect human life and hold organizations such as Planned Parenthood accountable.

With this legislation, we have the opportunity to both save lives and respect the rights of the American people. Taxpayers should not be forced to financially support organizations whose behavior is at best unethical and possibly illegal.

When it comes to defunding Planned Parenthood, the issue should not be partisan. This is about protecting the rights of taxpayers, but also, more importantly, protecting the basic right of human life.

Madam Speaker, I will continue to give a voice to our most fragile Americans who cannot speak for themselves. I thank Representative BLACK for her efforts on this important piece of legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. DEGETTE).

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, Planned Parenthood provides basic health services to millions of Americans: Pap smears, breast cancer screenings, family planning, and birth control. In fact, there were over 4 million visits to Planned Parenthood clinics last year, and over 90 percent of this was basic women's health care and not abortions.

So why are we talking about this today? Why are we talking about this legislation?

Planned Parenthood does these services and no Federal funds are spent on abortion services that Planned Parenthood does provide, but yet the majority will take the radical step of denying women the basic health care they need. This radical agenda is wrong. It is wrong for American women, and it is wrong for us when the Federal budget expires in just 13 days.

Madam Speaker, I, too, have reviewed the videotapes. Our committee reviewed the videotapes, and, as Ms. CASTOR said—and it bears repeating—no wrongdoing was shown. There are no criminal charges. There are no charges at all that are pending whatsoever against Planned Parenthood.

Madam Speaker, yesterday in the Energy and Commerce Committee, my Republican colleagues in their radical effort went so far as to show a photo of a stillborn baby, implying that that baby was a fetus being used for fetal tissue development. What is worse, that photo was shown without the woman's consent. It had no relation to Planned Parenthood. It was used without the mother's consent.

What I want to know from the majority: Is this the evidence that you are using to decide that you are going to deny funding for Planned Parenthood and all the well-women visits women use?

Madam Speaker, my colleagues ought to be ashamed of showing this, and my colleagues ought to be ashamed of putting this bill on the floor today. We are seeing shamelessness right here on the floor today.

My colleagues on the other side are trying to do everything they can to insert themselves between American women and their right to make their own healthcare decisions. It is wrong, and I urge a "no" vote on this legislation.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I will never be ashamed of standing up and defending life—ever—and I find it so interesting that our efforts to protect life are termed "radical." That is an interesting turn of events, if I say so myself.

Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUCSHON), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

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Mr. BUCSHON. Madam Speaker, with all due respect, a radical agenda is protecting an organization that dismembers body parts and sells them for profit.

For the record, I am probably the only Member of this body to have operated on babies as young as 23 weeks' gestation. In fact, the smallest baby I operated on weighed only 650 grams.

As a physician, I spent my career caring for patients regardless of their situations. So I take access to health care very seriously.

I find it troubling that those on the other side, most of whom have never spent a day caring for patients, continue to mislead the American people about the facts of Planned Parenthood.

Here are a few: By its own statistics, Planned Parenthood only treats 2 percent of the Nation's women for any reason.

Planned Parenthood doesn't offer women some of the most basic primary care. It doesn't provide services like mammograms, cardiovascular blood tests, or bone mass measurements.

Over the past 10 years, Planned Parenthood cut cancer screenings by half while it increased abortion services by 40 percent.

Across the country, we have 13,000 federally qualified or rural health centers that can provide basic health services compared to only 700 Planned Parenthood facilities that really don't provide these services at all.

Madam Speaker, taxpayers should not be forced to fund this organization when we have so many other alternatives.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY).

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, the previous speaker said something completely false. Planned Parenthood does not sell fetal tissue.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Illinois will suspend.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I withdraw.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, a complete falsehood was just stated. Planned Parenthood does not sell any body parts for profit. That is a fact.

So here we go again: Republicans threatening to shut down the government in order to deny women access to health care. When the Republicans took control of the House in 2011, the first thing they did was nearly shut down the government over funding for Planned Parenthood, and 4 years later, Republicans are once again seriously considering shutting down the government over the exact same thing.

This time, they have manufactured a witch hunt based on heavily edited videos that were clearly intended to mislead the public and the Congress. They have wasted time and resources on futile investigations that have produced absolutely no evidence of wrongdoing on behalf of Planned Parenthood. In contrast, there is growing evidence that The Center for Medical Progress broke several laws.

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But we all know that Republicans are not really interested in the truth here. This entire charade is a thinly veiled attempt to erode a woman's ability to make decisions about her own body.

For proof, look no further than their budget proposal.

Their budget eliminated Title X, the only federal grant program dedicated to providing women with family planning services, and cuts the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program by over 80 percent—programs that would reduce the need for abortion.

Republicans have made it clear that women are fair game. They can't even pass a continuing resolution without interfering in the personal lives of American women.

Republicans can't overturn *Roe v. Wade* so they try every other way possible to erode this fundamental right.

They try to cut off funding to the clinics that provide abortions, they try to criminalize doctors who perform abortions, and they restrict access for millions of women every year through the Hyde Amendment.

Enough is enough. I strongly urge my colleagues to oppose this terrible bill and to stop interfering in the personal lives of American women.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. ELLMERS), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and the chairman of the Republican Women's Policy Committee.

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina. I thank the gentlewoman from Tennessee for holding this important discussion today.

I would like to thank Chairman UPTON, Chairman PRITS, and the full committee and staff of Energy and Commerce for their hard work.

Madam Speaker, I support H.R. 3134, and I proposed an amendment to be included within that bill, which redirects \$235 million to health centers across this country.

I am a nurse, and my husband is a general surgeon. One of our favorite places in the world is our back porch in Dunn, North Carolina, where we sip scuppernong wine and have a wonderful time, and we discuss good health care in this country. Let me tell you and the American people that Planned Parenthood is not good health care.

You can see that this chart clearly shows that the 13,000 federally qualified healthcare centers in this country provide comprehensive health care for women.

You can see this chart is just a mere example of 17 provided basic healthcare services for women to Planned Parenthood's 6.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I yield the gentlewoman an additional 30 seconds.

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina. I thank the gentlewoman.

Basically, what you have been told and what women in this country have been told is a false choice for American women from Planned Parenthood.

That false choice says that, if one Planned Parenthood facility is defunded, thousands of women and children who are in need will go without health care.

Let me tell you, if that false logic follows in Dunn, North Carolina, it basically says, if there are 18 grocery stores and 1 closes its doors, thousands of families, including my own, will starve.

This is absolutely untrue. We need to support everything we can in this country for good women's health care. This chart provides the actual truth—the truth. Good health care takes care of the whole woman, not just parts.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has established that not all services currently provided by Planned Parenthood could be furnished by other health clinics and medical practitioners if Planned Parenthood were defunded.

A George Washington University professor confirmed this in a column this week. The reason is that so many of the services provided relate to gynecological services and personal female healthcare needs.

Madam Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY).

Mr. KENNEDY. I thank my colleague from Florida for the recognition.

Madam Speaker, it is important that we do get our facts straight.

This year, over 2 million babies will be born to women on Medicaid. That is nearly half of all of the births in this country.

At the same time, more than half of the Medicaid providers in our country are not accepting new patients. That leaves hundreds of thousands of expectant mothers without access to essential prenatal care and treatment, and

that is where Planned Parenthood comes in.

Beyond just prenatal care, they provide life-saving cancer screenings, STD tests, and compassionate counseling to millions of women, men, and families who often have nowhere else to turn for their basic health needs.

Eighty percent of the patients that Planned Parenthood serves have incomes at or below 150 percent of the poverty line.

Those patients are sitting inside waiting rooms at Planned Parenthood centers across the Nation at this very moment who are facing some of the most emotional decisions and challenging tests of their entire lives.

The practitioners and nurses who will treat them won't just tend to their immediate medical needs. They will make sure that the patient knows that he or she is not alone.

If we pass this bill, we are turning our backs on those patients. We are telling low-income families in every corner of this country that we count their health and happiness less.

I urge my colleagues to consider those patients and the impact of this legislation.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 5 seconds to respond.

For 98.5 percent of the pregnant women who received a pregnancy-related service at Planned Parenthood, that service was an abortion.

I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. CRAMER. Madam Speaker, North Dakotans affirm life every day through strong, stable family structures and a culture that values life and that, frankly, values ending the circumstances that cause a woman to believe that her best option is an abortion.

We have over 70,000 square miles and thousands of women who need healthcare services, but we don't have a Planned Parenthood clinic because North Dakota women somehow don't meet its business model.

There are, however, compassionate providers offering more comprehensive services across my State. This map shows the localities of 71 federally qualified health centers that provide quality care to underserved and low-income women in rural and urban communities throughout my State.

The patients who go through the doors of these clinics are treated as valued community members, not as a fee for service and certainly not as a \$45 specimen.

This Congress and its relevant committees must complete a thorough investigation of the disturbing accusations evidenced—yes, evidenced—in the Planned Parenthood videos that we all have seen before another taxpayer dollar goes to this controversial organization. These funds can be better used to provide legitimate health services for women in places like North Dakota.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MATSUI).

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this bill, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act, but we should call it the "Depriving Women of their Health Care Act."

This bill is just the latest political attack on millions of American women. This bill is a step backward for our Nation's healthcare system.

Defunding Planned Parenthood would deprive American women and their families of access to preventative services like cancer screenings and access to contraception and to prenatal counseling that helps women maintain healthy pregnancies.

Sadly, I am not surprised that my Republican colleagues continue this relentless attack on the autonomy of women. We have seen it countless times before: Congress telling this country that a politician's judgment is superior to that of an American woman's.

What does surprise me, however, is that now Republicans are willing to shut down our government and put our economy at risk in order to deny women access to the healthcare providers of their choosing.

We can't allow Members of Congress to substitute their judgment for a woman's right to make decisions about her own body.

This bill does nothing more than take away healthcare options for low-income women because of a difference in beliefs over just 3 percent of the many vital services that Planned Parenthood provides.

Congress needs to get back to work on the real issues facing American women and their families.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), the chairman of the Pro-Life Caucus.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, undercover videos show and expose Planned Parenthood directors cheerfully talking about dismemberment and crushing babies to death all while altering abortion methods in a way that preserves organs and body parts for sale.

Watch the videos.

One senior director who talks about preserving a liver says they use ultrasound guidance because that is where they will know where to put the forceps. Of course, forceps are used to literally rip the child to pieces in what is called a dismemberment abortion.

One technician, Holly O'Donnell, talks about getting brain tissue. She said her supervisor "gave me the scissors and told me that I had to cut down the middle of the face. I can't even describe," she says, "what that feels like."

Some of our colleagues on the other side have said that there is no evidence. Watch the videos. There is ample evidence.

I would suggest and I would ask Congresswoman CASTOR to join us in a letter that asks the Attorney General of the United States to investigate this. Will you?

I yield to the gentlewoman.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, the repeated reference to these false videos is a true disservice to this Congress and to the people all across America. These false claims against Planned Parenthood have been widely discredited.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Again, the repeated references to these false videos do a real disservice to this Congress and to people all across America. The false claims against Planned Parenthood have been widely discredited.

The videos that so many have referenced are heavily edited. They have edited content out, and they have edited false images in.

Politicians who are latching onto this smear campaign do so to further their personal agendas to the detriment of women's health care across America.

What has happened here since these videos were released in July is a coordinated smear campaign against trusted Planned Parenthood clinics. Let me give you some evidence directly from my home State of Florida.

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In July, with absolutely no evidence of wrongdoing, Florida Republican Governor Rick Scott ordered investigations of Planned Parenthood clinics. It had all the trappings of a witch hunt.

In August, after the Agency for Health Care Administration had determined and written a draft press release that said: "However, there is no evidence of the mishandling of fetal remains at any of the 16 clinics we investigated across the State."

That didn't fit Governor Scott's political narrative, so his office scrubbed the press release of that language.

I submit for the RECORD a copy of the press release that was drafted by the Agency for Health Care Administration for Florida before Governor Scott's office scrubbed the language on the finding.

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Ms. CASTOR of Florida. In fact, the press secretary for the agency said: "I would have thought a line on no handling of fetal remains would be included, as that is what questions will be on."

The agency's secretary wrote back, and she said she agreed.

Reporters subsequently obtained the scrubbed press release. Apparently, these had to go to the Governor's office to be purified and sanctified.

What happened earlier this week is that the communications director for the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration resigned. This is another example of the coordinated smear campaign based upon the false videos that have captured attention. They are outrageous, but they are false, and they have been proven to be false.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 10 seconds to respond.

We are hearing words such as "denied," "deprived," "detriment" to women's healthcare. We are increasing women's health care. Tennessee has four Planned Parenthood clinics and 26 federally qualified health clinics.

Also, I would remind my colleagues the investigation is ongoing. It is ongoing. It started yesterday at Energy and Commerce. We will continue through this to get to the bottom of it.

I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HENSARLING), the chairman of the Financial Services Committee.

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, as a people, we have no more sacred values; and the right to life is foremost among these.

Recently, shocking, appalling, horrific videos have come to light that show senior employees at Planned Parenthood casually discussing the harvesting and selling of organs of aborted children in ways to alter their procedures in order to "obtain intact fetal cadavers," which they refer to as "line items."

In perhaps the most chilling video, we see one of these so-called intact fetal cadavers with its heart still beating. Madam Speaker, its heart was still beating.

Madam Speaker, whether one considers themselves pro-life or pro-choice, can we not agree that the harvesting and trafficking of baby organs violates the sanctity with which every

child created in the image of God is entitled to? How can a fair, civilized, and compassionate society come to any other conclusion?

Madam Speaker, today I rise to plead with my colleagues to speak up for the voiceless and the defenseless by voting to deny Planned Parenthood further taxpayer subsidies for the harvesting of baby body parts.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS).

Ms. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in staunch opposition to this dangerous bill. Planned Parenthood provides exactly the types of interventions that prevent unintended pregnancies and the need for an abortion in the first place, like birth control options and medically accurate sexual health education.

If this bill becomes law, these important services Planned Parenthood brings to our communities will disappear, and the health of our communities will pay the price.

We keep hearing that the work of Planned Parenthood would be done by other healthcare providers, mostly community health centers, and while that might sound like an easy shift, it doesn't work that way.

Madam Speaker, I have a letter here from the California Primary Care Association. In it, they write: "Eliminating Planned Parenthood from our State's comprehensive network of care would put untenable stress on remaining providers. We do not have the capacity for such an increase in care."

This is the direct quote from the health centers that the majority expects to pick up the slack if Planned Parenthood is defunded. It would be untenable.

Supporters of this bill are willfully putting their heads in the sand. They think it is no big deal to shut down hundreds of clinics offering essential services that are not available anywhere else. They think it is worth shutting down the government to achieve this goal. This political theater has to stop.

We need to trust women and their healthcare providers to make their own medical decisions. It is not the government's business.

I strongly urge a "no" vote on this dangerous bill.

I insert the letter from the California Primary Care Association into the RECORD.

CALIFORNIA PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION,

Sacramento, CA, September 17, 2015.

Hon. LOIS CAPPS,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN CAPPS: The California Primary Care Association has recently become aware of new legislation, H.R. 3134 combined with the Ellmers amendment, by Congresswoman Diane Black that would redirect federal funding from Planned Parenthood to federally qualified health centers. The purported goal of such legislation is to

prevent a decrease in federal funding for women's health services, while putting a moratorium on Planned Parenthood as a healthcare provider for a year while Congress conducts a full investigation of the organization's activities.

As the state-wide representatives of community clinics and health centers in California, who serve 5.6 million patients annually, we believe this action would negatively impact the health of our community.

Planned Parenthood currently operates 115 health centers in California and serves nearly 800,000 patients through 1.5 million encounters annually. Eliminating Planned Parenthood from our state's comprehensive network of care would put untenable stress on remaining health centers. We do not have the capacity for such an increase in care, even for a year, and should Congress seek to extend the moratorium building such capacity would require significant capital investment on par with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act expansion.

Even then, the legislation would still eliminate patient's ability to choose the provider with which they feel most comfortable. Planned Parenthood is seen by many as women's health centric, which provides their patients with a level of comfort that cannot be easily replicated. The women's health focus allows them to be a provider of choice to hundreds of thousands of women who seek out a variety of services that include well woman exams, breast exams, birth control and sexually transmitted disease testing.

In 2013 alone, Planned Parenthood conducted 733,641 tests for Chlamydia—the leading cause of preventable infertility—that resulted in 37,014 positive results and follow-up treatment.

Planned Parenthood is a vital component of the health care system in California and for that reason, we are opposed to legislation that will diminish their capacity to provide care in our state. We respectfully request that you oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,
CARMELA CASTELLANO GARCIA, ESQ.,
President and CEO,
California Primary Care Association.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. BOUSTANY), who chairs the Subcommittee on Human Resources at Ways and Means.

Mr. BOUSTANY. Madam Speaker, as a newly minted physician fresh out of medical school, I took an oath to protect life. As a cardiovascular surgeon, I worked day and night performing thousands of cardiovascular operations on premature infants, all the way up to the elderly. Now, in Congress, I intend to uphold that oath that I took to save life.

The practices we have seen described recently released in the undercover videos of top Planned Parenthood executives detailing the methods they employ to harvest tissues and organs during abortions performed at these clinics is nothing short of atrocious.

After the release of the first video in July, I joined my pro-life colleagues to call immediately for thorough investigations into this activity, and now, these investigations are underway. The American people deserve and they need to know the truth. While these investigations are ongoing, it is important that we take action to prevent taxpayer dollars from going to this type of activity.

I have long supported legislation to end funding for Planned Parenthood and am proud to be an original cosponsor of this bill. It is a very important bill.

I urge my colleagues to defend the culture of life in this country, and let's vote in favor of this bill.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER).

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, Planned Parenthood provides 865,000 pap smears and breast exams a year. That is more than the entire population of States like Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota.

I want to introduce you, Members on the other side of the aisle, to Colleen from Albany, New York, who is 27 years old. I want you to look into her eyes, and I want you to tell me that you would rather see her dead because Colleen went to Planned Parenthood because she was in between jobs and sought health care.

She received a breast cancer exam at Planned Parenthood. She had stage II breast cancer, and she is alive today because it was identified at a Planned Parenthood clinic. They operated, and she is healthy.

She is not the only one. There are 86,000 men and women who seek services at Planned Parenthood every year for breast cancer or for pap smears for cervical cancer who are identified as having a positive test result. As a result, they get care—86,000. What you are saying is that it is okay for 86,000 people to die because that is how they were accessing their health care.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 10 seconds to respond to some of the comments and to remind my colleagues this investigation that we are conducting is ongoing.

Cancer screenings and prevention services have been cut in half at Planned Parenthood over the past 7 years. They do not perform mammograms; they outsource it. They perform over 300,000 abortions annually; that is their own number.

Madam Speaker, 98.5 percent of the pregnant women who go there go for an abortion.

At this time, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS), the chairman of the Health Subcommittee.

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, this morning we are debating, actually, two bills. One is the delay of funds to Planned Parenthood until the investigation is over and redistributing that money to the rural and federally qualified community health clinics of which there are over 13,000—only 656 Planned Parenthood clinics—and they actually do women's health, like mammograms, as we have heard, and other issues, not just refer. I would urge support for that.

The other bill we are debating, which is sometimes infants are born alive after an abortion. We had two witnesses last week before the Judiciary

Committee who were survivors. One of them said she was in contact with 203 other abortion survivors.

All we are doing is putting enforcement language, some penalties in there because born alive is the law, but it is not enforced, and this would permit that to be enforced.

Finally, with Pope Francis coming next week, he said: "The defense of the unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable in any situation, every stage of development."

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, while the investigation may be ongoing, there have been no cases of born alive. The one case from some time ago, a doctor is in prison for that. This simply is not accurate. Now, what we know from ongoing investigations here currently is there has been no substantiated allegation against Planned Parenthood.

What we have seen is this Center for Medical Progress that posted these YouTube video. They have made a number of misrepresentations that may have broken several Federal and State laws, including violating Federal tax laws, violating criminal laws, violating the Invasion of Privacy Act out of California, violating California's penal code by making false charitable solicitations.

Now, we have heard that the attorneys for the director, Mr. Daleiden, for CMP, his attorneys have advised a Federal district court that he intends to invoke his Fifth Amendment in the investigation of him for his violation of Federal and State laws.

At this time, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ).

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015. This bill is possibly the most dangerous bill for women's health to come to the House floor of this Congress.

State and Federal investigations of Planned Parenthood have produced no evidence of violations of laws or medical standards, and independent auditors confirm the videos referenced were heavily altered.

What really happens in Planned Parenthood clinics every year is this: 2.7 million Americans receive critical health services, 78 percent of which live below the poverty level; doctors deliver approximately 400,000 pap smear exams; and women receive nearly half a million breast exams, including screenings to 88,000 women whose cancer was detected early.

This legislation threatens those services and the health of patients, including 7,000 women in my district annually who rely on Planned Parenthood for health care.

As a woman, mother, and breast cancer survivor, I refuse to take that threat lying down. Republicans' own

investigations turned up nothing; yet some of their Members are willing to risk women's lives just to score political points. Enough is enough.

I urge all Members who truly value women's health to vote against this outrageous witch hunt.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN).

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015.

Recent videos released by brave whistleblowers have definitively shown that it is well past time to defund Planned Parenthood. For far too long and to the tune of one-half billion dollars a year, taxpayers have been forced to subsidize Planned Parenthood's abortion on demand.

Thanks to these unsettling revelations, we now know that taxpayers have also been subsidizing the trafficking of aborted baby body parts. This is not health care, Madam Speaker.

There are over 13,000 publicly supported health centers in our country that do provide excellent women's health care. In my home State of Colorado, there are 240 such healthcare alternatives versus 21 Planned Parenthood locations.

This important legislation will not remove funds from women's health care, but shift it to responsible providers. Taxpayers won't have to fund Planned Parenthood's deplorable barbarism.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

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Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN).

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, this legislation is the latest attempt to take essential healthcare services away from women.

Our Republican colleagues know that none of the Planned Parenthood Federal funds are used for abortion, per the Hyde amendment. They know there is no evidence that Planned Parenthood has violated any Federal laws. They know that 90 percent of Planned Parenthood services go to essential cancer screenings, family planning counseling, pregnancy tests, contraceptive care, and other things.

This bill will deny women those services. When this bill fails in the Senate, our Republican colleagues are apparently prepared to shut down the government in order to shut down those women's health services.

Madam Speaker, our Republican colleagues are entitled to their views, but they should not harm our economy; they should not harm America's women; they should not shut down the government to try to impose their views on the country.

Madam Speaker, I rise to raise my opposition to H.R. 3134, Defund Planned Parenthood

Act of 2015. This bill would prohibit all federal funding for Planned Parenthood health centers for one year.

Instead of using their majority to pass a clean budget and govern responsibly, the Republicans are willing to hold our country hostage to further their harmful agenda against women.

The Defund Planned Parenthood Act is just another shameful attempt to take essential healthcare services away from women. Republicans are so focused on defunding Planned Parenthood that they are willing to shut down the government again, and cause billions of dollars of damage to our economy.

Planned Parenthood has been investigated multiple times and each investigation has shown that Planned Parenthood has not violated any federal laws. Moreover none of Planned Parenthood's federal funds are used to perform abortions, in accordance with the Hyde Amendment. Republicans are ignoring facts and relying on doctored footage to continue their crusade against women's healthcare.

This bill will have a devastating impact on women. Approximately one in five American women, in her lifetime, has relied on a Planned Parenthood center for care. It serves a total of 2.7 million patients per year—women and men.

More than ninety percent of their much-needed services go toward providing essential health services that includes contraceptive care, family planning counseling, pregnancy tests, prenatal care, and essential cancer screenings.

There are not enough community health centers to care for all of those who would lose access to healthcare if this bill is passed. A direct threat would be posed to seventy-eight percent of Planned Parenthood patients who earn incomes of 150 percent of the federal poverty level or less.

It is time to focus on this country's real concerns and stop trying to deprive women of essential health services. I strongly oppose this bill and any other efforts to defund Planned Parenthood.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 10 seconds to respond.

Madam Speaker, they sure want that government shutdown. I do want to remind them that we have over 13,000 community health centers in the country. Planned Parenthood has cut their cancer screening and prevention services in half in the past 7 years, and they do not perform mammograms, but they do over 300,000 abortions.

Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROE).

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015.

As an OB/GYN physician who has delivered close to 5,000 babies, I was sickened and disturbed by the release of several videos showing Planned Parenthood executives casually discussing the dismemberment of babies to sell body parts.

Madam Speaker, this bill isn't about whether you are pro-life or pro-choice, though I am proud to say that I will always be a defender of the right to life.

This is about the gruesome practices of an organization that receives over \$500 million a year from the Federal Government. As legislators, we carry the responsibility and the privilege to protect those who do not have a voice and to ensure that tax dollars are supporting organizations that truly provide health care for women.

I have seen the videos, and I can tell you, that is not health care. I have spent my entire life caring for patients, and it is important to note that there are alternatives for women to receive care besides Planned Parenthood. I strongly support withholding tax dollars from Planned Parenthood until congressional investigators have had a chance to review the matter. I am proud to encourage my colleagues to support this important bill.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, may I please inquire how much time is left on each side.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Florida has 8½ minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from Tennessee has 11¼ minutes remaining.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Again, the videos keep being referenced here on the floor. I want Members to understand, I want the American public to understand that the first four short videos released on YouTube have 40 separate splices and edits that remove crucial context. They remove exculpatory statements like, "Nobody should be selling tissue; that is not the goal here," and, "This is not a service they should be making money from. It is something they should be able to offer to their patients in a way that doesn't impact them," or, "We are not looking to make money from this. Our goal is to keep access available." In one of the videos there are at least 16 substantial unexplained edits, including the removal of nine instances where Planned Parenthood staff said there is no profit related to tissue donation.

Doesn't that seem misleading and fundamentally dishonest to remove statements like that, and then base a smear campaign and bring it to the floor of the United States Congress for policymaking? I think so.

That is why these videos have been denounced across the country by independent editorial writers. They have called them distorted and unfair, dishonest, grossly misleading, and politically irresponsible and swift boating.

Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PAYNE), my friend.

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act.

There is nothing thoughtful about this legislation. This is a shameful and shocking sham. This has always been about Republicans wanting to restrict the right of women to make their own healthcare decisions.

Let me say, you know, these doctored videos on YouTube, my children

watch YouTube, and you can see whatever you want on YouTube. You can see a man punt a basketball through a basket from 500 feet. You can see whatever you want. So I am not surprised that these doctored videos are on YouTube.

Mammograms are done in imaging centers, so no health center does an actual mammogram. So let's stop trying to mislead the American people with this sham.

If you like YouTube so much, and that is where you are going to get your information, I have another video you can watch right now on YouTube. It is called, "Dumb and Dumber."

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG).

Mr. WALBERG. Madam Speaker, it has been said that none are so blind as those who will not see, and so I rise today on behalf of the unborn babies who can't stand up for themselves.

Many of my colleagues have already described the horrifying videos that shock the conscience and have sparked several congressional investigations.

No matter what party you belong to, we should all agree that taxpayer dollars should not be used for harvesting baby parts for profit. The debate today is about more than these barbaric practices. It is about the very character of our Nation. Will we turn a blind eye to this callous disregard for human life? Is this the country we want to be?

Two weeks ago today, my newest granddaughter, Naomi Gail, was born after an emergency C-section from a doctor who understood the need for life for both the mother and the child. Holding her in my arms was a vivid reminder that all life is sacred, and every child deserves dignity, respect, and a chance for a full life.

America was founded on the values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Madam Speaker, it all begins with life.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE).

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I want to thank Representative CASTOR for her tremendous leadership.

I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 3134, which is nothing more than yet another ideological attack on women's health care. It would defund Planned Parenthood for a year, leaving millions of women across the country without access to critical healthcare services.

Planned Parenthood centers often serve as a primary care health facility for women seeking birth control, cancer and STI screenings, and other critical preventive care. In 2013 alone, Planned Parenthood provided healthcare services to more than 800,000 Californians and provided more than 93,000 Pap tests and 97,000 breast exams.

Denying access to the healthcare services such as Planned Parenthood provides will harm those who most need these services, including low-income women and women of color. This

bill is shameful. It is disrespectful. It is wrong. Politicians shouldn't be interfering, anyway, in a woman's personal healthcare decisions.

It is past time Republicans stop their war on women and stop these ideological attacks and stop using women's health care to divert attention from a looming government shutdown because Republicans refuse to pass a budget.

Vote "no" on this deceptive and dishonest bill.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 20 seconds to respond to something.

Our colleagues across the aisle have a colleague from New Jersey who previously spoke. I want to reference a press release that was sent out August 15 from his office on community health centers:

Community health centers attend to hard-to-reach populations and are a vital resource that have a significant impact in improving health in New Jersey.

Talking about reaching hard-to-serve populations, this is what we are doing. Let's put the money where it meets the most needs.

I now yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. DUFFY), who is the author of H.R. 3495, the Women's Public Health and Safety Act, and commend him for his commitment in those efforts.

Mr. DUFFY. "It is a boy," or, "it is a girl"; any parent knows that phrase. It is one of the most memorable moments that they will ever have in their lives.

Recently, we heard that same phrase, but it was said by an abortion provider at Planned Parenthood, and it was as that provider—we will use that term loosely—was siphoning through the body parts of a little baby, taking hearts and lungs for sale, but noticed it is a boy.

What a perversion. What a perversion of who we are as a people. I think it calls into question this debate. This is not a debate about women's health. We are providing the same amount of money for women's health to great clinics that provide great care. It is about Planned Parenthood.

Why is it about Planned Parenthood? If you watch this debate, you have to ask, how could anybody defend the practices at Planned Parenthood, harvesting body parts? How could anyone defend that? It is an easy answer. Look in political season. Millions of dollars—millions of dollars—are spent by Planned Parenthood to elect Democrats to the House of Representatives and to the Senate. This isn't about babies. This is about money.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Washington (Ms. DELBENE).

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, this feels like *deja vu*. Once again, the House is ignoring the challenges facing our Nation in order to attack women's health. Already this year, the House has voted to restrict reproductive

health care in private insurance, enact a sweeping 20-week abortion ban, and allow employers to discriminate against their workers for using birth control.

Now, with just 5 legislative days before a shutdown, we are wasting our time on a bill the President has said he will veto. It is past time for Congress to stop focusing on ideology and start focusing on the facts. The fact is defunding Planned Parenthood would have a devastating effect on women's access to health care. That care includes cancer screenings, immunizations, and birth control.

As my colleagues are well aware, current law already prevents Federal funding for abortion services. It is shameful that the House is allowing the reckless actions of a few extremists to jeopardize the critical safety net provided by Planned Parenthood. We can't let that happen.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. GIBBS).

Mr. GIBBS. Madam Speaker, we have seen in the videos released this summer the horrific practices of harvesting the body parts of aborted children for profit. We have also known that Planned Parenthood provides abortion procedures, and the pro-life movement has for years worked very hard to ensure that no taxpayer dollars will be used to fund the procedure of abortion.

Planned Parenthood is not about women's health care. We know this because not one clinic performs mammograms. The despicable actions that were uncovered in these videos show the true nature of Planned Parenthood. It shows their complete disregard for life. It shows how careless they are with the responsibility to treat our most vulnerable and innocent with respect.

We cannot give taxpayer dollars to an organization that profits from the sale of organs from aborted children. Planned Parenthood officials have been caught haggling over the price of body parts from aborted children, and they have been recorded on camera fearing the consequences if their actions were revealed to the world. We have two House committee investigations. We have an obligation to suspend Federal funding to Planned Parenthood while the investigations are being conducted.

Now is the time for all Americans to reflect on the fragile nature of life and how we treat the unborn. I want to thank Congresswoman BLACK for leading the efforts to defund Planned Parenthood. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Florida has 4½ minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from Tennessee has 8 minutes remaining.

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Mrs. BLACKBURN. I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KELLY).

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania. I stand before you today not as a Republican and not as a Member of this House, but as a fellow human being, and I wonder: How did we get to this point? How do we somehow compromise in our mind what it is that we are talking about today?

I want you to disconnect from any organization or agency and concentrate on the act of what is taking place.

This is not a blob of tissue. This is one of America's sons or daughters waiting to be born. They are taken from the safety of their mother's womb and they are taken out very carefully so they can harvest certain body parts: hearts, lungs, heads.

You can sit here and try to make it something about an agency and turn a blind eye to the act that is taking place in a country that will go to any length to protect life, in a people that believes in the sanctity of life from its very conception to its natural death.

And somehow harvesting the parts from these little baby boys and girls has become a political issue?

This is an issue human being to human being. This is an issue of conscience and conviction. Please, do not make it a political battle.

This is about our sons and daughters. This is about a horrific act that is repulsive and repugnant and has no place in America. America's taxpayers refuse to pay for that type of act. Wake up.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS).

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. I thank the many colleagues who stood here and stand with me now to rise in support of ensuring that hard-earned taxpayer dollars do not go to private entities that are trafficking in fetal body parts.

We have to put a stop to this heinous practice. We have to ensure that this problem is investigated. We have to ensure that the Federal Government is not condoning these actions.

I believe that we need to ensure that Planned Parenthood understands that the money that they have access to from the Federal Treasury is not mandatory money that is given to that agency.

We need to ensure that women's health is a priority, but let's put the tax dollars into the agencies and the community health centers that are providing access to women's health care every day throughout this great Nation. We can do that.

Let's stand together. Let's ban this heinous practice. Let's make sure we move forward.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. FRANKEL).

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Defund Planned Parenthood Act. I want to say this as respectfully as possible, but this bill is dumb, it is foolish, and it is mean-spirited, with only one purpose, and that is to punish one of our country's premier health organizations because it provides women access to an array of services that we need to lead healthy lives. The bill is based upon lies and exaggerations.

Now, if you want to have a truthful debate, then let's talk about the 400,000 Pap smears, the 500,000 breast exams, and the 4.5 million STD and HIV tests that Planned Parenthood does each year. Now, that is saving lives. That is the truth.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PITTENGER).

Mr. PITTENGER. Madam Speaker, many years ago, I was in London with my family at the British Museum and watched a little movie about the development and growth of a baby inside a mother's womb. The video was all about life, tracking the baby's development week by week.

Recently, we have all watched videos where Planned Parenthood executives candidly talked about death. How can anyone defend the sale of a little baby's body parts? Why should Federal taxpayers support organizations that rob little ones of their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?

Planned Parenthood has betrayed the rights and life of America's most defenseless. Today I am asking that you join me in supporting the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015, which effectively halts Federal funding of Planned Parenthood for 1 year or until they can certify that their affiliates and clinics are not and will not perform abortions.

I thank Congresswoman DIANE BLACK for her leadership on this issue. The character of our Nation is at stake. We must restore the value and sanctity of every life and fight back against those unfathomable acts. Life is precious. Let's cherish each and every one.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ROTHFUS).

Mr. ROTHFUS. Madam Speaker, what we have learned about Planned Parenthood through these videos is appalling, barbaric, and indefensible. Here are some of the quotes:

We've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver . . . so I'm not gonna crush that part.

Using a "less crunchy" technique to get more whole specimens.

We're going to procure brain . . . so what you do is you go through the face . . .

And when discussing the sale of body parts, a Planned Parenthood official asks:

Well, why don't you start by telling me what you're used to paying?

Madam Speaker, our Nation is so much better than this. The cold indif-

ference shown in these videos is the inevitable result for an organization that does hundreds of thousands of abortions every year.

Federally funded clinics that serve women's health and do not perform abortions outnumber Planned Parenthood clinics by between two to one. Let's send the funds to those clinics.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Ms. CASTRO of Florida. I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. FARR).

Mr. FARR. I don't think anybody on your side has read the bill. It doesn't do anything that you have talked about.

It doesn't stop abortions. It doesn't stop any of those other issues that are already illegal. It does one thing: It shuts down Planned Parenthood clinics.

I represent the largest affiliate of Planned Parenthood in the United States. And guess what. Twenty-two percent of the patients are men. So you are going to deny access not only to women, but to men.

You say: "Oh, we will shift the money somewhere else." There is nowhere else. These are the only clinics around in many of the communities.

So what you are doing is taking this angry white man's caucus on the Republican side that have been for years trying to use this as a political issue, using a bill that says you are going to do all these things. It only does one thing: it penalizes Planned Parenthood.

Penalizing Planned Parenthood penalizes us all. It is about access to health care, particularly, access to health care for women.

Stop beating up on women. Stop trying to make this a political issue. The reason we haven't been able to legislate against abortion is because you can't find a law that can enforce it.

This is really a moral issue and a medical issue that ought to be discussed with women and their doctors. Congress Members ought to stay out of this.

We haven't been successful in solving these problems. This only hurts people, particularly in rural areas, because the majority of Planned Parenthood clinics are in rural areas.

Stop being so mean. Solve problems, not create them.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair and not to other Members.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself 15 seconds.

I would encourage all Members to read the bill. It is very short. It is about three pages. What it will do is freeze this funding for a year so we can do the investigation, and it sends it to some of the 13,000 community health centers that are in the country.

We have even got a press release from one of their colleagues extolling the values of these community health centers.

I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN).

Mr. ALLEN. I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

The appalling videos that have been released revealing Planned Parenthood's horrific activities should spur deep concern in every American.

In a recent hearing with Secretary Burwell, I asked her whether the Department of Health and Human Services would probe into these allegations, but she refused to commit to an investigation.

We have a moral responsibility to act to investigate this organization's actions and hold them accountable.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, may I inquire how much time is remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Florida has 2½ minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from Tennessee has ¾ minutes remaining.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. JODY B. HICE).

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, the recent allegations and videos that have come forth have literally shocked the world by showcasing the morally bankrupt practices of Planned Parenthood.

I am honored to stand with my colleagues to try to prevent tax dollars from going to this organization that has now stooped to the practice of trafficking innocent baby parts, they say, for the purpose of advancing medical research, but we all know that there is no excuse that can possibly be given to provide for the moral bankruptcy of Planned Parenthood.

It is time to defund this while the investigation occurs. The blood and body parts of children should be looked at as a sacred entity rather than an industry.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Maine (Ms. PINGREE).

Ms. PINGREE. I thank my friend for yielding and for her excellent remarks on the floor this morning.

Madam Speaker, defunding Planned Parenthood would have a real, profound, negative impact on the 10,000 people in Maine who get health care from Planned Parenthood every year, many of whom have no other access to care.

Planned Parenthood provides basic health care like cancer screenings, vaccinations, wellness exams, and STD testing, basic care that will mean the difference between health and sickness, prosperity and poverty, or even life and death for women in my State.

Let's be clear. Who is really behind the attempts to defund Planned Parenthood? Radical antiabortion groups who want to shut down Planned Parenthood and deny women access to safe and legal abortions. These are groups who want to deny women the right to make a private, personal medical decision.

In the process, they want to take away the access to birth control, family planning services, and even basic

health care. They have orchestrated a false, misleading smear campaign to try and accomplish their goal, a campaign we have heard a lot today about here on the floor of the House of Representatives.

I urge my colleagues to vote “no” and stand up for women’s rights to make their own decisions about health care and protect their access to basic medical services.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FARENTHOLD).

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Madam Speaker, during the recent Presidential debates Carly Fiorina called and dared President Obama and Hillary Clinton to watch these appalling videos.

I realize we only have a few minutes left, but I want to dare Members on the other side to watch these videos, too. There are computers in the cloakroom where they can watch them.

If they want to send one taxpayer dime to Planned Parenthood after watching it, shame on them. There are much better places to send it, like these community health centers created under President Obama’s bill. There are lots of places women can go for health care, not just Planned Parenthood.

Go watch the videos.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. I am pleased to yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER).

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. It is bizarre to watch the manufactured controversy surrounding ambush-type, heavily edited filming used to discredit Planned Parenthood.

These attacks do not reflect my experience and knowledge of the amazing, dedicated, civic-minded men and women—pillars of our community—who have built, supported, and led Planned Parenthood in my community.

There is no question that, because of their efforts, tens of thousands of abortions never occurred. Because of their efforts, 70,000 women in Oregon last year received services.

They are people who know their communities, Planned Parenthood leadership understands that this heated rhetoric, outrageous claims, and attack against service to low-income women is not just false, it is wrong.

It is bizarre to watch the manufactured controversy surrounding ambush-type, heavily edited journalism used to discredit Planned Parenthood.

It’s not just the blatantly manipulative and misleading tactics that are being used, which should be enough for most people to reject the allegations on their face. These attacks do not reflect my experience and knowledge of the amazing, dedicated, civic-minded men and women who have built, supported, and led Planned Parenthood in my community.

For decades, I have admired these pillars of community, leaders in education, religion, business, and other civic affairs that provided the vision, the volunteer effort, and personal

contributions to women’s health and reproductive freedom. There is no question that because of their efforts, tens of thousands of abortions never occurred in our community and those that did occur, did not result in harm to women.

Because of their efforts, Oregon’s 11 Planned Parenthood centers provided care to over 70,000 women in 2013, including over 25,000 breast and cervical cancer screenings. Nationally, Planned Parenthood services over 2.5 million women annually. Planned Parenthood centers serve a greater share of safety-net clients than any other type of safety-net providers. Nearly 80 percent of women using Planned Parenthood have incomes at or below 150 percent of poverty—these clinics offer affordable health care options for women who may have no alternate source of care.

The fact that we are engaged in a concerted assault against the provision of essential services to women, especially women of color and low-income status is appalling. If people would take the time, as I have, to visit these facilities, meet the employees, and most importantly, know these community leaders that have made it possible to protect women’s health, to prevent countless abortions, and to promote wellbeing and education, they would see the lies behind this heated rhetoric and misguided attacks.

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Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. WENSTRUP).

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I serve on the board of health in Cincinnati, Ohio, and I am very familiar with FQHCs. I might say that FQHCs provide services, expansive services, not only to women, but men and children as well.

My wife and I are currently in the process of adoption, and it sickens me to see these parts of young children sitting there, knowing that we could take them, love them, and nurture them into a wonderful life. I don’t know how people look at themselves in the mirror and think that this is okay.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

The Republican Congress has fundamentally failed to fulfill its basic responsibility to work out an appropriations plan that will keep this government open. This bill, to inflame the passion that is based on false videos, distorted clips that was part of a coordinated smear campaign all across the country, is being used as the foundation to close the government.

I hope it doesn’t happen, but it appears that the dysfunction in the Republican Congress is going to lead us down that path, at the expense of women’s health care, their basic fundamental services all across this country.

Last spring, we asked the Republicans in Congress to sit down and hammer out an appropriations plan. They refused. They adjourned at the end of July. Nothing happened in August. Nothing has happened here in September, except for these inflammatory bills based upon false YouTube videos.

This Republican Congress’ continuing dysfunction and inability to govern are having real effects on hard-working Americans. This “Deny Women Health Care Act” is a cynical attack on the ability of women to receive the health services they need.

I urge a “no” vote, and I urge my Republican colleagues to keep the government open for hard-working Americans.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE).

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, where have we gone? Where is the moral compass of the United States? Do we want to continue the issue of taking body parts of babies and selling them on the open market and protecting that enterprise? Or do we want to back up and say, if that is occurring, we are not funding it?

All this legislation does is say: Wait a minute, if that is occurring in America, we are not going to tolerate it. Until we find out, no more money, and it should go to other agencies that don’t harvest the body parts of babies.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I am going to close and draw to an end this debate. I do want to remind all my colleagues that we are not discussing government shutdown. What we are talking about is a bill that would withhold funds from Planned Parenthood for a period of a year, while we have an investigation.

Now, I know they have called this a smear campaign. We are investigating the operations of Planned Parenthood.

Why are we doing this? Planned Parenthood is big abortion in this country—300,000 abortions a year, as opposed to 1,800 adoption services; 98.5 percent of all women who go there for a prenatal service, it is an abortion. Think about that, 98.5 percent.

There is reason to review how they use taxpayer funding, and we are justified in withholding taxpayer funds until we finish that.

Now, our colleagues have chosen to say that we are radical, dumb, shameful, disrespectful, foolish, extremists, deniers, deprivers, mean-spirited, and beating up on women. Think about that. All because we stand for life, for liberty. We stand for life rights, a first right, and these are the names that you attach to people who defend those rights.

Saturday, I went to a baby shower. An excited grandmother said, Meet my granddaughter. It was an ultrasound, a 3-D ultrasound. Her name is Jessica. That is a baby with a life, and Planned Parenthood is aborting 300,000 of those lives each year.

It is time for taxpayer money to be withheld. I support the bill.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, today I speak in support of H.R. 3134, the Defund

Planned Parenthood Act of 2015, to terminate taxpayer support of this deplorable organization.

I'd like to thank my good friend, Congresswoman DIANE BLACK for her leadership on this issue and her unwavering support for the lives of the unborn.

This summer, we have learned of the shocking nature of Planned Parenthood's practice of selling babies' hearts, lungs, livers, brains and other organs, often for a profit, to the highest bidder.

We were disturbed by what we learned about these practices, but perhaps even more so by the cold indifference in which countless employees dehumanized unborn children, effectively turning them into line item revenue sources, rather than human life in its most precious form.

After discovering the grotesque nature of these practices, the U.S. House of Representatives responded to these abhorrent activities by launching investigative hearings, the first of which began in the House Judiciary Committee last week.

Yet the very same week we began investigating the extent of the wrongdoing, the Executive Branch, through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, awarded Planned Parenthood of Missouri, Iowa and Montana with over \$1 million in taxpayer support.

The only response to this unthinkable action is for the U.S. House of Representatives, the legislative body with constitutional authority over federal funds, to pass legislation expressly prohibiting the federal government from supporting Planned Parenthood.

Madam Speaker, it is not enough for the U.S. House of Representatives to deny funds from a single continuing resolution or omnibus spending package.

Instead we must do so permanently and Congresswoman BLACK's legislation gives Congress an opportunity to continue our investigations into Planned Parenthood and work toward the day when we are no longer funding this abhorrent organization.

In the short term, there is much work to be done.

The U.S. House of Representatives is responsible for acting on behalf of the American people and investigating the extent to which Planned Parenthood's has profited from this activity.

Furthermore we must make sure that Planned Parenthood has not been engaging in illegal partial birth abortions.

We must determine whether or not Planned Parenthood has been breaking the law by altering abortion procedures to preserve certain organs for sale.

We must protect women and unborn children from these dangerous procedures that are designed to increase revenue for this group and profit from the destruction innocent life.

And perhaps most importantly, we must provide funding for other organizations that provide women's health care support and services—without also offering abortions.

And we must not continue taxpayer funding for groups like Planned Parenthood that believe they are above the laws of the United States.

We have a duty, as elected Representatives to stand up for the most vulnerable among us, to lend a voice to the voiceless, and fight back against injustice.

And so I lend my full support to H.R. 3134, so that we may defund Planned Parenthood and provide vulnerable women with better options for their health care needs.

Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act.

This bill is partisan politics at its worst. The attacks on Planned Parenthood are nothing more than political witch-hunts led by anti-abortion extremists. Their efforts to mislead the public and tarnish the reputation of Planned Parenthood are downright shameful.

Here are the facts: millions of American families, particularly in underserved areas, rely on Planned Parenthood for family planning services and basic women's healthcare. Seventy-eight percent of Planned Parenthood patients live with incomes at 150 percent of the federal poverty level or less, and almost half a million of their patients are Latinos. Were it not for Planned Parenthood, these families, including over 25 thousand in my district, would have nowhere to turn for basic health care needs.

Defunding Planned Parenthood has implications for the 2.7 million Americans across the country who count on Planned Parenthood for STD and STI testing, cancer screenings, contraceptive care, and other health services. These basic and critical healthcare services which account for 97% of those provided at Planned Parenthood, are what is really being defunded here.

It's been 42 years since the United States Supreme Court ruled that a woman has the constitutional right to choose what is best for her health and her body. Since then, anti-abortion extremists have been working tirelessly to chip away at this constitutional protection. This time, Madam Speaker, the ramifications of their efforts extend far beyond abortion. They threaten the health and well-being of millions of hard-working American families in my district and across the country.

The majority always argues for small government. I guess this time they want a government small enough to fit inside the exam room with a woman and her doctor.

Madam Speaker, I'd like to submit a letter signed by 13 Latino advocacy groups in opposition to defunding Planned Parenthood.

AUGUST 3, 2015.

U.S. SENATE,
Washington, DC.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS: As organizations committed to the civil and human rights, health equity, and well-being of Latino/as, our families, and our communities, we the thirteen undersigned organizations urge you to oppose all efforts to defund Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) or other healthcare providers that Latino/as rely on for high quality care.

The recent manipulated and misleading attacks on PPFA are yet another political attempt to target providers of reproductive health services. The real agenda behind these attacks is to block access to basic health services, particularly for low-income communities, women of color, and young people. These tactics also create an atmosphere of fear and shame intended to intimidate women who seek abortion and those who provide the much needed care.

Such attacks on PPFA, a critical provider of vital health services to low-income women and women of color, threatens to unravel the

reproductive health safety net that our Latino/a community relies on. We have already seen such efforts as in Texas when the state legislature authorized the "affiliate rule" that barred all Planned Parenthood health centers from receiving state funds. In 2012, the first full year following the devastating cuts to family planning funding and implementation of the "affiliate rule," Texas met only 13 percent of the need for publicly funded contraception—less than half of national totals for the same year.

Furthermore, defunding PPFA would have a devastating impact on the Latino/a community which experiences higher rates of reproductive cancers, unintended pregnancy, and sexually transmitted infections than most other groups of people in the U.S. In fact, according to the latest statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Latinas have the highest cervical cancer incidence rates. Latinos/as, including LGBTQ Latinos/as, immigrant women, and women of color experience system barriers such as cost, lack of available clinics, insufficient culturally and linguistically competent health systems, and discriminatory immigration policies that make it difficult for individuals and communities to access routine healthcare. For decades, Latinos/as have been the most uninsured racial and ethnic group.

That is why our communities rely on Planned Parenthood for quality healthcare. In 2013, PPFA's clinics served 575,000 Latinos/as, which was 22 percent of their overall patients. We will not tolerate any attempts to cut Latinos/as off from this care.

We strongly urge you to oppose all proposals to defund PPFA and stand with the undersigned organizations to protect the right to health care for Latinos/as and other persons of color. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ann Marie Benitez, Senior Director of Government Relations, at National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health.

Signed,

Casa de Esperanza, Farmworker Justice, Hispanic Federation, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, LatinoJustice PRLDEF, League of United Latin American Citizens, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities, National Hispanic Media Coalition, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, Presente, U.S.-Mexico Foundation, VotoLatino.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to this brazen assault on women's health, which would harm lower income women around this nation.

The legislation we are debating today would mean that women with limited health options will find it harder to secure lifesaving services—like breast exams and pap tests. In New York alone, cutting Planned Parenthood funding would mean that nearly 50,000 fewer breast exams would occur. 37,000 women would no longer receive pap tests. Millions of women nationwide would no longer have access to STI screenings and treatments, to say nothing of additional unplanned pregnancies.

These are just some of the critical treatments and procedures Planned Parenthood provides—some of which save women's lives. If you want to proclaim yourself "pro-life" then you should care about women's lives—not focus on depriving them of health care services and contraception.

Today, we have just a few legislative days left before another Republican-fueled government shutdown. We know this misguided bill

we are debating is going nowhere. It will not pass the Senate. If it did, the President would veto it.

Yet, House Republicans remain obsessed with attacking Planned Parenthood and reducing women's healthcare options—to the point where they are ready to engender another government shutdown.

We need to reject this legislation so we get back to the serious business of governing. Support women's health care, vote no on the bill.

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I stand in strong opposition to H.R. 3134, Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015.

This debate and vote are another attempt to deny women basic health care, including reproductive health services. 2.7 million patients—both men and women—all across America depend on Planned Parenthood for critical medical services every year. In my district, if you go to a Planned Parenthood clinic at the end of the day, women, many of modest means, will be lined up through the waiting room and, often, down the street, waiting to be seen.

While supporters of this bill claim women will have other comparable options, the experts tell us that is simply not the case. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office found that if this bill is passed, as many as 630,000 Planned Parenthood patients could lose access to birth control, STD screening, and other reproductive health services. And researchers at the Guttmacher Institute estimate that in 103 of America's 491 counties, Planned Parenthood is the only safety-net family planning clinic.

I am outraged by this attempt to use a heavily edited and thoroughly discredited video to vilify an organization that plays a vital role in communities across the nation. Planned Parenthood should be celebrated, not demonized, and I hope my colleagues reject this dangerous and disingenuous piece of legislation.

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I come to the House floor to stand up for women's health.

Republicans are using a heavily edited, agenda-driven series of videos that falsely portray Planned Parenthood's participation in tissue donation programs that support lifesaving scientific research. These outrageous and false claims about Planned Parenthood have been discredited. Edited and distorted video should not undermine the incredible work that Planned Parenthood does across this country in providing critical health care to millions of women.

This bill to defund Planned Parenthood would not defund abortion. Only three percent of all health services provided by Planned Parenthood are abortion services, and these services already cannot be paid for with federal funding. What this bill would defund is basic health services for millions of women. Planned Parenthood provides family planning counseling and contraception to 2.1 million patients, 400,000 lifesaving screenings for cervical cancer, nearly 500,000 breast exams, and nearly 4.5 million tests and treatments for sexually transmitted infections, including HIV.

Despite news this week that the number of uninsured Americans decreased by 8.8 million

last year thanks to the Affordable Care Act, 33 million Americans still have no health insurance. Perhaps hardest hit by this defunding effort will be the women who live in one of the 20 states that have declined the Medicaid expansion provided by the Affordable Care Act and who rely on Planned Parenthood for life-saving health care.

Defunding Planned Parenthood would also be devastating for low-income communities, women of color, and young people. It would unravel our nation's reproductive health safety net. Planned Parenthood health centers comprise 10% of all publicly funded family planning centers, and serve 36% of all clients who obtain care from the nation's network of family planning providers. The view of some Republicans that federal funding could simply be redistributed to other health care centers and providers ignores where Planned Parenthood health centers are located. They are not typically on Main Street, but rather in areas and neighborhoods where they are most needed. For example, a new Planned Parenthood center currently under construction here in D.C. is located in a underserved area in Ward 5 whose population greatly needs access to the health services that Planned Parenthood provides.

Unfortunately, we in the District of Columbia know all too well this type of assault on women's reproductive health and Planned Parenthood. Whenever Republicans have controlled the House, they have imposed a devastating rider on the District that prevents us from spending our locally raised taxes on abortion services for low-income women, singling us out as the only jurisdiction in the country that cannot spend its local tax dollars for such purposes. We were successful in getting that rider removed from the Senate's fiscal year 2016 D.C. Appropriations bill, and we will continue to fight to have the rider removed from any final spending bill.

I urge my colleagues to vote no on this hyper-partisan bill, which would devastate women's access to health services, most drastically in low-income and minority communities.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Madam Speaker, I rise to express several serious concerns with the flawed process that led to a flawed product, H.R. 3134, the "Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015."

Ten shocking videos released over the last few months document what many already knew was happening at Planned Parenthood facilities around our nation—the selling and trafficking of fetal organs for a profit. For the vast majority of Americans who view human life as sacred, these videos have caused righteous anger and disgust that the taxpayer-subsidized "non-profit organization" is not only extinguishing human life but also making money off of human parts—at the taxpayers' expense.

This is the moment for the pro-life movement to hold this evil organization accountable by completely and unequivocally defunding Planned Parenthood.

Rather than fighting to protect life and actually defunding Planned Parenthood, we are voting today on a weak bill, without teeth, that does not defund Planned Parenthood.

H.R. 3134 only places a one-year moratorium on federal funding of Planned Parent-

hood. Furthermore, it includes exceptions to continue to allow taxpayer dollars to go to Planned Parenthood and its abortion factories.

With all we know about what goes on at Planned Parenthood's abortion factories, why are we voting on a bill to "defund" Planned Parenthood for one year?

What's worse, H.R. 3134 does not defund Planned Parenthood. The exceptions included in this bill allow taxpayer dollars to be used to fund abortions performed at Planned Parenthood. In effect, this bill is a proactive vote by the GOP-controlled House of Representatives to affirmatively fund abortions at Planned Parenthood facilities. The very bill leadership has promoted as the solution to this grisly problem—the taxpayer funded mutilation of fully formed children—actually rubber stamps the existing situation.

Furthermore, the certification process in this bill is ripe for fraud and abuse. All Planned Parenthood needs to do is certify it is already following federal law and the Hyde Amendment to continue to receive funding. Who ensures this certification? Once Planned Parenthood receives federal funding and is found to violate this Act, what is the process for the executive branch to seek repayment of this money? H.R. 3134 does not go far enough to address concerns for fraud and abuse.

Because of my serious concerns with the substance of H.R. 3134, I offered an amendment to the Rules Committee on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. My amendment states:

"No funds authorized or appropriated by Federal law may be made available for any purpose to—(1) Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.; (2) any affiliate or clinic of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc.; or (3) any successor of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. or any such affiliate or clinic."

My amendment is simple: no federal funds to Planned Parenthood. Period. No one-year moratorium. No exceptions. That should be the goal of this debate and any legislation to defund Planned Parenthood.

Unfortunately, the Rules Committee did not approve my amendment for debate on the floor or adopt it as part of the underlying bill. If my amendment was considered on the floor, I am confident that my colleagues would have overwhelming support and adopted my amendment into the underlying bill.

The funding fight starts now—this is our marker—H.R. 3134 is not a sufficient vote to defund Planned Parenthood. I expect much stronger language than this in the CR coming up in the next few weeks. Innocent, unborn babies deserve more than just a show vote.

For these reasons, I will cast a present vote.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 421, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Ms. ESTY. Madam Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentlewoman opposed to the bill?

Ms. ESTY. I am, in its current form.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I reserve a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A point of order is reserved.

The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. Esty moves to recommit the bill, H.R. 3134, to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 6. NO IMPACT ON FUNDING FOR ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES.

Notwithstanding section 3, nothing in this Act shall impact the amount of funding available for any organization that provides women's health services, such as preventive care and cancer screenings, in appropriations legislation for fiscal year 2016, including any continuing resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Connecticut is recognized for 5 minutes in support of her motion.

Ms. ESTY. Madam Speaker, this is the final amendment to the bill which will not stop the bill or send it back to committee. If adopted, this bill will immediately proceed to final passage, as amended.

I rise today as a mother, as a woman, and as a Representative to offer this straightforward amendment to protect women's access to vital health care.

Contrary to what many Americans have been led to believe, the bill before us today is not about abortion. This bill would, however, restrict women's access to health care all across the country by entirely eliminating all Federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

Let's be very clear. No Federal tax dollars go towards abortions, and none have since 1976. That is not what this bill is about.

We all know a woman who has been diagnosed with cancer—cervical cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer. It may be your mother, your neighbor, or your wife who sought preventive care or cancer screening from a doctor of her choice.

Yes, we all know a woman who has received quality medical care at Planned Parenthood. In fact, one in five American women have sought medical care from Planned Parenthood. It may be your daughter. It may be your boss. It may be your colleague.

My amendment will ensure that any qualified organization that provides women's health services can receive funding. It is simple, and it is fair.

We need more access to quality health care, not less. We need to stop trying to restrict access to lifesaving cancer screenings, birth control, and well-woman exams. We need to stop fighting 40-year-old battles on women's rights.

Defunding Planned Parenthood would have a devastating impact on women, especially low-income women, women in rural communities, and women of color.

It is not only women who receive health care at Planned Parenthood. Men receive health care at Planned Parenthood, too.

Here are some facts about Planned Parenthood's critical role in providing health services to Americans every year.

Planned Parenthood provides family planning counseling and contraceptive care to 2.1 million Americans, more than 1.1 million pregnancy tests, nearly 400,000 Pap smear tests, and nearly 500,000 lifesaving breast exams.

Let's remember that, in many areas, Planned Parenthood is the only source of family planning services. That is why, in 1976, as a college freshman, I volunteered for Planned Parenthood because I had seen the impact on young women in my rural high school who had no access to family planning services. Too many got pregnant, dropped out of school, and never pursued their dreams.

Today, with only 5 legislative days left, we should be focusing on avoiding a reckless and unnecessary government shutdown.

Do you remember the last government shutdown, the one that cost us \$24 billion? No wonder some don't think America is great right now. Dysfunction in this Congress is undermining the American people's faith in democracy.

We, in Congress, have the power to act. We have the opportunity, and we have the duty to set aside ideological battles and, instead, take up the urgent business of the American people.

We should reauthorize the Export-Import Bank and pass a long-term, well-funded highway trust fund bill, investing in America's infrastructure, to ensure that America will continue to be great throughout the 21st century.

I urge my colleagues to support my amendment to ensure that American women have access to vital health care, no matter where they live and no matter how much they earn.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The reservation of the point of order is withdrawn.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I claim the time in opposition to the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Tennessee is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, we all know that Planned Parenthood receives hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars. For them to get that money, while they are under investigation for profiting off the sale of body parts, baby body parts, is just absolutely abhorrent.

What this bill does is to put a 1-year moratorium while we conduct the investigation. Let's be real clear about that, a 1-year moratorium while we do our due diligence. That is what you call smart business, doing your due diligence, being a steward of the taxpayers' money.

Now, I have found it so interesting that they continue to say this will cut access to women's health care. No, it will not.

Do you know Planned Parenthood sees less than 2 percent of all American women in a given year? There is an amendment on this legislation by Mrs. ELLMERS, it redirects \$235 million to the FQHCs, the federally qualified health centers.

It will increase access because we have more of those centers in more underserved areas, and they are required to provide services which include diagnostic lab and radiological services.

Planned Parenthood has cut those screenings and cancer screenings and those services in half over the last few years, while they have increased their abortions to 300,000 a year.

□ 1215

We are right in restricting these funds to Planned Parenthood while we conduct this investigation. We are right to be a steward of the taxpayer money.

Madam Speaker, I urge a "no" vote on the motion to recommit and a "yes" vote on the passage of H.R. 3134.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Ms. ESTY. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 and clause 9 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to recommit will be followed by 5-minute votes on passage of the bill, if ordered, and passage of H.R. 3504.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 183, nays 245, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 504]

YEAS—183

Adams	Capps	Costa
Aguilar	Capuano	Courtney
Ashford	Carney	Crowley
Bass	Carson (IN)	Cuellar
Beatty	Cartwright	Cummings
Becerra	Castor (FL)	Davis (CA)
Bera	Castro (TX)	Davis, Danny
Beyer	Chu, Judy	DeFazio
Bishop (GA)	Cicilline	DeGette
Blumenauer	Clark (MA)	Delaney
Bonamici	Clarke (NY)	DeLauro
Boyle, Brendan	Clay	DelBene
F.	Cleaver	DeSaulnier
Brady (PA)	Clyburn	Deutch
Brown (FL)	Cohen	Dingell
Brownley (CA)	Connolly	Doggett
Bustos	Conyers	Doyle, Michael
Butterfield	Cooper	F.

Duckworth	Lawrence	Richmond	Mullin	Rogers (AL)	Thompson (PA)	Graves (GA)	Marino	Ross
Edwards	Lee	Roybal-Allard	Mulvaney	Rogers (KY)	Thornberry	Graves (LA)	Massie	Rothfus
Ellison	Levin	Ruiz	Murphy (PA)	Rohrabacher	Tiberi	Graves (MO)	McCarthy	Rouzer
Engel	Lewis	Ruppersberger	Neugebauer	Rokita	Tipton	Griffith	McCaul	Royce
Eshoo	Lieu, Ted	Rush	Newhouse	Rooney (FL)	Trott	Grothman	McClintock	Russell
Esty	Loeb sack	Ryan (OH)	Noem	Ros-Lehtinen	Turner	Guinta	McHenry	Ryan (WI)
Farr	Lofgren	Sánchez, Linda T.	Nugent	Roskam	Upton	Guthrie	McKinley	Salmon
Fattah	Lowenthal	Sanchez, Loretta	Nunes	Ross	Valadao	Hardy	McMorris	Sanford
Foster	Lowe y	Sarbanes	Olson	Rothfus	Walberg	Harper	Rodgers	Scalise
Frankel (FL)	Lujan Grisham (NM)	Schakowsky	Palazzo	Rouzer	Walden	Harris	McSally	Schweikert
Fudge	Luján, Ben Ray (NM)	Schiff	Palmer	Royce	Walker	Hartzler	Meadows	Scott, Austin
Gabbard	Lynch	Schrader	Paulsen	Russell	Walorski	Heck (NV)	Meehan	Sensenbrenner
Gallego	Maloney, Carolyn	Pearce	Perry	Ryan (WI)	Walters, Mimi	Hensarling	Messer	Sessions
Garamendi	Maloney, Sean	Pittenger	Salmon	Sanford	Weber (TX)	Herrera Beutler	Mica	Shimkus
Graham	Matsui	Serrano	Scott, Austin	Scalise	Webster (FL)	Hice, Jody B.	Miller (FL)	Shuster
Grayson	McCollum	Sewell (AL)	Smith (MO)	Schweikert	Wenstrup	Hill	Miller (MI)	Simpson
Green, Al	McDermott	Sherman	Smith (NE)	Sessions	Westerman	Holding	Moolenaar	Smith (MO)
Green, Gene	McGovern	Sires	Smith (NJ)	Shimkus	Westmoreland	Hudson	Mooney (WV)	Smith (NE)
Grijalva	McNerney	Slaughter	Smith (TX)	Shuster	Whitfield	Huelskamp	Mullin	Smith (NJ)
Gutiérrez	Meeks	Speier	Stefanik	Simpson	Williams	Huizenga (MI)	Mulvaney	Smith (TX)
Hahn	Higgins	Swalwell (CA)	Stivers	Smith (MO)	Wilson (SC)	Hultgren	Murphy (PA)	Stefanik
Hastings	Himes	Takai	Stutzman	Smith (NE)	Wittman	Hunter	Neugebauer	Stewart
Heck (WA)	Hinojosa	Takano	Fortenberry	Yoder	Womack	Hurd (TX)	Newhouse	Stivers
Higgins	Honda	Thompson (MS)	Smith (WA)	Yoho	Woodall	Hurt (VA)	Noem	Stutzman
Himes	Hoyer	Titus	Fincher	Young (AK)	Yoder	Issa	Nugent	Thompson (PA)
Huffman	Huffman	Tonko		Young (IA)	Young (AK)	Jenkins (KS)	Nunes	Thornberry
Israel	Israel	Torres		Young (IN)	Young (IN)	Jenkins (WV)	Olson	Tipton
Jackson Lee	Israel	Tsongas		Zeldin	Young (IN)	Johnson (OH)	Palazzo	Trott
Jeffries	Jackson Lee	Van Hollen		Zinke	Young (IN)	Johnson, Sam	Palmer	Turner
Johnson (GA)	Jeffries	Vargas			Young (IN)	Jolly	Paulsen	Upton
Johnson, E. B.	Johnson (GA)	Veasey			Young (IN)	Jones	Pearce	Valadao
Kaptur	Johnson, E. B.	Vela			Young (IN)	Jordan	Perry	Walberg
Keating	Kaptur	Velázquez			Young (IN)	Joyce	Peterson	Walden
Kelly (IL)	Keating	Visclosky			Young (IN)	Katko	Pittenger	Walker
Kennedy	Kelly (IL)	Walz			Young (IN)	Kelly (MS)	Pitts	Walorski
Kildee	Kennedy	Wasserman			Young (IN)	Kelly (PA)	Poe (TX)	Walters, Mimi
Kilmer	Kildee	Schultz			Young (IN)	King (NY)	Pompeo	Weber (TX)
Kind	Kilmer	Peters			Young (IN)	Kinzing (IL)	Kline	Posey
Kirkpatrick	Kind	Pingree			Young (IN)	Knight	Price, Tom	Webster (FL)
Kuster	Kirkpatrick	Pocan			Young (IN)	Labrador	Ratcliffe	Wenstrup
Langevin	Kuster	Polis			Young (IN)	LaHood	Reed	Westerman
Larsen (WA)	Langevin	Price (NC)			Young (IN)	LaMalfa	Reichert	Westmoreland
Larson (CT)	Larsen (WA)	Quigley			Young (IN)	Lamborn	Renacci	Whitfield
	Larson (CT)	Rangel			Young (IN)	Lance	Ribble	Williams
		Rice (NY)			Young (IN)	Latta	Rice (SC)	Wilson (SC)
					Young (IN)	Lipinski	Rigell	Wittman
					Young (IN)	LoBiondo	Roby	Womack
					Young (IN)	Long	Roe (TN)	Woodall
					Young (IN)	Loudermilk	Rogers (AL)	Yoder
					Young (IN)	Love	Rogers (KY)	Yoho
					Young (IN)	Lucas	Rohrabacher	Young (AK)
					Young (IN)	Luetkemeyer	Rokita	Young (IA)
					Young (IN)	Lummis	Rooney (FL)	Young (IN)
					Young (IN)	MacArthur	Ros-Lehtinen	Zeldin
					Young (IN)	Marchant	Roskam	Zinke

NOT VOTING—6

□ 1239

Messrs. COFFMAN, MULVANEY, and ROGERS of Alabama changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 241, noes 187, answered “present” 1, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 505]

AYES—241

Abraham	DesJarlais	Issa	Abraham	Bucshon	DesJarlais
Aderholt	Diaz-Balart	Jenkins (KS)	Aderholt	Burgess	Diaz-Balart
Allen	Dold	Jenkins (WV)	Allen	Byrne	Donovan
Amash	Donovan	Johnson (OH)	Amash	Calvert	Duffy
Amodei	Duffy	Johnson, Sam	Amodei	Carter (GA)	Duncan (SC)
Babin	Duncan (SC)	Jolly	Babin	Carter (TX)	Duncan (TN)
Barletta	Duncan (TN)	Jones	Barletta	Chabot	Ellmers (NC)
Barr	Ellmers (NC)	Jordan	Barr	Chaffetz	Emmer (MN)
Barton	Emmer (MN)	Joyce	Barton	Clawson (FL)	Farenthold
Benishkek	Farenthold	Katko	Benishkek	Coffman	Fitzpatrick
Bilirakis	Fitzpatrick	Kelly (MS)	Bilirakis	Cole	Fleischmann
Bishop (MI)	Fleischmann	Kelly (PA)	Bishop (MI)	Collins (GA)	Fleming
Bishop (UT)	Fleming	King (IA)	Bishop (UT)	Collins (NY)	Flores
Black	Flores	King (NY)	Black	Comstock	Forbes
Blackburn	Forbes	Kinzing (IL)	Blackburn	Conaway	Fox
Blum	Fox	Kline	Blum	Cook	Franks (AZ)
Bost	Franks (AZ)	Knight	Bost	Costello (PA)	Frelinghuysen
Boustany	Frelinghuysen	Labrador	Boustany	Cramer	Gibbs
Brady (TX)	Garrett	LaHood	Brady (TX)	Crenshaw	Gibson
Brat	Gibbs	LaMalfa	Brat	Culberson	Gohmert
Bridenstine	Gibson	Lamborn	Bridenstine	Curbelo (FL)	Goodlatte
Brooks (AL)	Gohmert	Lance	Brooks (AL)	Davis, Rodney	Gosar
Brooks (IN)	Goodlatte	Latta	Brooks (IN)	Denham	Gowdy
Buchanan	Gosar	Lipinski	Buchanan	DeSantis	Granger
Buck	Gowdy	LoBiondo	Buck		
Bucshon	Granger	Long			
Burgess	Graves (GA)	Loudermilk			
Byrne	Graves (LA)	Love			
Calvert	Graves (MO)	Lucas			
Carter (GA)	Griffith	Luetkemeyer			
Carter (TX)	Grothman	Lummis			
Chabot	Guinta	MacArthur			
Chaffetz	Guthrie	Marchant			
Clawson (FL)	Hanna	Marino			
Coffman	Hardy	Massie			
Cole	Harper	McCarthy			
Collins (GA)	Harris	McCaul			
Collins (NY)	Hartzler	McClintock			
Comstock	Heck (NV)	McHenry			
Conaway	Hensarling	McKinley			
Cook	Herrera Beutler	McMorris			
Costello (PA)	Hice, Jody B.	Rodgers			
Cramer	Hill	McSally			
Crawford	Holding	Meadows			
Crenshaw	Hudson	Meehan			
Culberson	Huelskamp	Messer			
Curbelo (FL)	Huizenga (MI)	Mica			
Davis, Rodney	Hultgren	Miller (FL)			
Denham	Hunter	Miller (MI)			
Dent	Hurd (TX)	Moolenaar			
DeSantis	Hurt (VA)	Mooney (WV)			

NOES—187

Adams	Cummings	Himes
Aguilar	Davis (CA)	Hinojosa
Ashford	Davis, Danny	Honda
Bass	DeFazio	Hoyer
Beatty	DeGette	Huffman
Becerra	Delaney	Israel
Bera	DeLauro	Jackson Lee
Beyer	DelBene	Jeffries
Bishop (GA)	Dent	Johnson (GA)
Blumenauer	DeSaulnier	Johnson, E. B.
Bonamici	Deutch	Kaptur
Boyle, Brendan F.	Dingell	Keating
Brady (PA)	Doggett	Kelly (IL)
Brown (FL)	Dold	Kennedy
Brownley (CA)	Doyle, Michael F.	Kildee
Bustos	Duckworth	Kilmer
Butterfield	Edwards	Kind
Capps	Ellison	Kirkpatrick
Capuano	Engel	Kuster
Cárdenas	Eshoo	Langevin
Carney	Esty	Larsen (WA)
Carson (IN)	Farr	Larson (CT)
Cartwright	Fattah	Lawrence
Castor (FL)	Foster	Lee
Castro (TX)	Frankel (FL)	Levin
Chu, Judy	Fudge	Lewis
Ciilline	Gabbard	Lieu, Ted
Clark (MA)	Gallego	Loeb sack
Clarke (NY)	Garamendi	Lofgren
Clay	Graham	Lowenthal
Cleaver	Grayson	Lowe y
Clyburn	Green, Al	Lujan Grisham (NM)
Cohen	Green, Gene	Luján, Ben Ray (NM)
Connolly	Grijalva	Lynch
Conyers	Gutiérrez	Maloney, Carolyn
Cooper	Hahn	Maloney, Sean
Costa	Hanna	Matsui
Courtney	Hastings	McCollum
Crowley	Heck (WA)	
Cuellar	Higgins	

McDermott Quigley Speier
McGovern Rangel Swalwell (CA)
McNerney Rice (NY) Takai
Meeks Richmond Takano
Meng Roybal-Allard Thompson (MS)
Moore Ruiz Titus
Moulton Ruppertsberger Tonko
Murphy (FL) Rush Torres
Nadler Ryan (OH) Tsongas
Napolitano Sanchez, Linda Van Hollen
Neal T. Vargas
Nolan Sanchez, Loretta Veasey
Norcross Sarbanes Vela
O'Rourke Schakowsky Velázquez
Pallone Schiff Visclosky
Pascrell Schrader Walz
Payne Scott (VA) Wasserman
Pelosi Scott, David Yarmuth
Perlmutter Serrano
Peters Sewell (AL)
Pingree Sherman
Pocan Sinema
Polis Sires
Price (NC) Slaughter

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

King (IA)

NOT VOTING—5

Fincher Smith (WA) Wagner
Fortenberry Thompson (CA)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1247

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

BORN-ALIVE ABORTION
SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 3504) to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a healthcare practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 248, nays 177, answered "present" 1, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 506]

YEAS—248

Abraham Buchanan Cuellar
Aderholt Buck Culberson
Allen Bucshon Curbelo (FL)
Amash Burgess Davis, Rodney
Amodei Byrne Denham
Babin Calvert Dent
Barletta Carter (GA) DeSantis
Barr Carter (TX) DesJarlais
Barton Cartwright Diaz-Balart
Benishek Chabot Dold
Bilirakis Chaffetz Donovan
Bishop (MI) Clawson (FL) Duffy
Bishop (UT) Coffman Duncan (SC)
Black Cole Duncan (TN)
Blackburn Collins (GA) Ellmers (NC)
Blum Collins (NY) Emmer (MN)
Bost Comstock Farenthold
Boustany Conaway Fitzpatrick
Brady (TX) Cook Fleischmann
Brat Costello (PA) Fleming
Bridenstine Cramer Flores
Brooks (AL) Crawford Forbes
Brooks (IN) Crenshaw Foxx

Franks (AZ) LoBiondo Rohrabacher
Frelinghuysen Long Rokita
Garrett Loudermilk Rooney (FL)
Gibbs Love Ros-Lehtinen
Lucas Roskam
Gohmert Luetkemeyer Ross
Goodlatte Lummis Rothfus
Gosar MacArthur Rouzer
Gowdy Marchant Royce
Granger Marino Russell
Graves (GA) Massie Ryan (WI)
Graves (LA) McCarthy Salmon
Graves (MO) McCaul Sanford
Griffith McClintock Scalise
Grothman McHenry Schweikert
Guinta McKinley Scott, Austin
Guthrie McMorris Sensenbrenner
Hanna Rodgers Sessions
Hardy Schultz Shimkus
Harper McSally Shuster
Harris Meehan Simpson
Hartzler Messer Smith (MO)
Heck (NV) Mica Smith (NE)
Hensarling Miller (FL) Smith (NJ)
Herrera Beutler Miller (MI) Smith (TX)
Hice, Jody B. Moolenaar Stefanik
Hill Mooney (WV) Stewart
Holding Mullin Stivers
Hudson Mulvaney Stutzman
Huelskamp Murphy (PA) Thompson (PA)
Huizenga (MI) Neugebauer Thornberry
Hultgren Newhouse Tiberi
Hunter Noem Tipton
Hurd (TX) Nugent Trott
Hurt (VA) Nunes Turner
Issa Olson Upton
Jenkins (KS) Palazzo Valadao
Jenkins (WV) Palmer Walberg
Johnson (OH) Paulsen Walden
Johnson, Sam Pearce Walker
Jolly Perry Walorski
Jones Peterson Walters, Mimi
Jordan Pittenger Weber (TX)
Joyce Pitts Webster (FL)
Katko Poe (TX) Wenstrup
Kelly (MS) Poliquin Westernman
Kelly (PA) Pompeo Westmoreland
King (IA) Posey Whitfield
King (NY) Price, Tom Williams
Kinzinger (IL) Ratcliffe Wilson (SC)
Kline Reed Wittman
Knight Reichert Womack
Labrador Renacci Woodall
LaHood Ribble Yoder
LaMalfa Rice (SC) Yoho
Lamborn Rigell Young (AK)
Lance Roby Young (IA)
Langevin Roe (TN) Young (IN)
Latta Rogers (AL) Zeldin
Lipinski Rogers (KY) Zinke

NAYS—177

Adams Courtney Higgins
Aguilar Crowley Himes
Ashford Cummings Hinojosa
Bass Davis (CA) Honda
Beatty Davis, Danny Hoyer
Becerra DeFazio Huffman
Bera DeGette Israel
Beyer DeLauro Jackson Lee
Bishop (GA) DelBene Jeffries
Blumenauer DeSaunier Johnson (GA)
Bonamici Deutch Johnson, E. B.
Boyle, Brendan Dingell Kaptur
F. Doggett Keating
Brady (PA) Doyle, Michael Kelly (IL)
Brown (FL) F. Kennedy
Brownley (CA) Duckworth Kildee
Bustos Edwards Kilmer
Butterfield Ellison Kirkpatrick
Capps Engel Kuster
Capuano Eshoo Larsen (WA)
Cárdenas Esty Larson (CT)
Carney Farr Lawrence
Carson (IN) Fattah Lee
Castor (FL) Foster Levin
Castro (TX) Frankel (FL) Lewis
Chu, Judy Fudge Lieu, Ted
Cicilline Gabbard Loebsock
Clark (MA) Gallego Lofgren
Clarke (NY) Graham Lowenthal
Clay Grayson Lowey
Cleaver Green, Al Lujan Grisham
Clyburn Green, Gene (NM)
Cohen Grijalva Luján, Ben Ray
Connolly Gutiérrez (NM)
Cramers Hahn Lynch
Cooper Hastings Maloney,
Costa Heck (WA) Carolyn

Maloney, Sean Polis
Matsui Price (NC)
McCollum Quigley
McDermott Rice (NY)
McGovern Richmond
McNerney Roybal-Allard
Meeks Ruiz
Meng Ruppertsberger
Moore Rush
Moulton Ryan (OH)
Murphy (FL) Sánchez, Linda
Nadler T.
Napolitano Sanchez, Loretta
Neal Sarbanes
Nolan Schakowsky
Norcross Schiff
O'Rourke Schrader
Pallone Scott (VA)
Pascrell Scott, David
Payne Serrano
Pelosi Sewell (AL)
Perlmutter Sherman
Peters Sinema
Pingree Sires
Pocan Slaughter

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Garamendi

NOT VOTING—8

Delaney Kind Thompson (CA)
Fincher Rangel
Fortenberry Smith (WA) Wagner

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. LUMMIS) (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1254

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, due to extenuating circumstances, I was unable to attend votes for the week of September 14 through September 18, 2015.

On passage of H.R. 1214—National Forest Small Tracts Amendments Act of 2015 (rollcall vote No. 495), had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On passage of H.R. 1949—National Liberty Memorial Clarification Act of 2015 (rollcall vote No. 496), had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On passage of H.R. 758—Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act (rollcall vote No. 501), had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On passage of H.R. 3134—Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015 (rollcall vote No. 505), had I been present I would have voted "yes."

On passage of H.R. 3504—Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (rollcall vote No. 506), had I been present I would have voted "yes."

CONGRATULATING LEW MOHR

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of an exemplary member of my district in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

For decades, Lew Mohr has been a tireless advocate for Scouting in Bucks County and an outstanding leader for countless young men.

Both in the Playwicki District and the Washington Crossing Council, there