



November 7, 2009

Dear Representative,

On behalf of Americans United for Life Action (AUL Action), I write to express our strong support of the Stupak-Pitts amendment to prohibit abortion mandates and funding in HR 3962, which will now be given a vote on the House Floor. **AUL Action will score the vote on the Stupak-Pitts amendment.**

As currently drafted H.R. 3962 fails to adequately prevent abortion coverage and funding. The bill explicitly allows qualifying individuals to apply their affordability credits to private insurance plans that cover abortion. The bill permits the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") to offer coverage for abortions in the Public Option. Furthermore, if the Hyde Amendment, which lapses if not renewed yearly, is ever eliminated from HHS Appropriations, the bill would mandate coverage of all abortions under the public plan. In addition, the bill also requires that at least one private plan in every premium rating area must provide coverage for all abortions.

The passage of a health care reform bill with these provisions is unacceptable to pro-life Americans. We strongly encourage you to vote in favor of the Stupak/Pitts amendment when it comes to the floor for a vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charmaine Yoest". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charmaine Yoest, Ph.D.
President & CEO