



Elections & Laws for Life

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Dear Representative,

I write to advise you that Susan B. Anthony List, on behalf of our more than 837,000 members, strongly opposes and will score against H.R. 1425, the State Health Care Premium Reduction Act, which will increase federal funding of abortion. H.R. 1425 amends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as Obamacare, by permanently increasing the advance premium tax credit and creating a new federal reinsurance program run by states, but does not include Hyde protections.

The Hyde amendment is an annual limitation of funds amendment that applies to Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations, ensuring no taxpayer funding for elective abortion or insurance coverage that includes abortion. The Hyde amendment is about how taxpayer dollars are used, that is, it represents an exercise of taxpayers' conscience, but most importantly it saves lives. According to the Charlotte Lozier Institute, this amendment has saved over 2 million lives since 1976, when it was first enacted to prevent Medicaid funding for abortion. Americans have consistently opposed taxpayer funding of abortion, by a 60% majority.

For decades, the Hyde amendment and other funding limitation amendments such as the Smith Federal Employee Health Benefits Program amendment prevented federal taxpayer funding for abortion or abortion coverage. Enactment of Obamacare, however, ushered in a new era of abortion funding, unleashing federal subsidies for insurance coverage that includes abortion on demand. To date, Obamacare is the largest single deviation from Hyde principles.

H.R. 1425 significantly increases the amount of money flowing to abortion coverage, furthering Obamacare's violation of Hyde principles. It provides a permanent, mandatory \$10 billion annual appropriation towards reinsurance or cost-sharing reductions (CSRs). CSR funding provides additional payments to insurance companies who will in turn reduce or eliminate copays and deductibles for certain individuals. Because neither this new appropriation nor these Obamacare plans are protected by Hyde, the tax credits, reinsurance, and CSRs would all underwrite abortion coverage.

Susan B. Anthony List strongly opposes H.R. 1425. Votes on this bill will be reflected on members' profiles on our legislative scorecard.

Sincerely,

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Susan B. Anthony List