September 30, 2020

Dear Representative,

I write to advise you that Susan B. Anthony List, on behalf of our more than 900,000 members, strongly opposes and will score against the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 925, also known as the HEROES Act, because it violates pro-life policy precedents and principles. Here are two areas of concern from the expansive bill.

Title VIII Section 801 of this bill uses “non-discrimination” language to target pro-life policies and laws such as Hyde protections in health insurance. The language says a person may not be discriminated against or denied benefits of programs and services based on such factors such as sex, which is defined in this bill to include “pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions.” Related medical conditions has been used to include abortion.

The Paycheck Protection Program, a very successful program created through the CARES Act and administered by the Small Business Administration, was created with strict qualifications that excluded certain organizations like Planned Parenthood. Certain Planned Parenthood affiliates brazenly and wrongfully applied for and received the forgivable loans, and many Members of Congress have insisted that those affiliates return that money. The HEROES Act would allow such organizations to be subsidized if they had experienced a significant decline in revenue. This unacceptable workaround underwrites the largest abortion chain in America (Planned Parenthood) at taxpayer expense.

Susan B. Anthony List strongly opposes House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 925, also known as the HEROES Act. Votes on this bill will be reflected on members’ profiles on our legislative scorecard.

Sincerely,

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Susan B. Anthony List