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Dear Senator Tuberville,

We are grateful for your courage and resolve in standing against the Biden administration in defense of innocent unborn children.

Like you, we were dismayed by U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin's October 20, 2022, [memorandum](#) outlining an aggressive new policy to push abortion through the Department of Defense (DOD). The DOD has long been a conduit for establishing and protecting freedom at home and abroad, defending vulnerable people from forces seeking to diminish their dignity, value, and even their very lives. Yet, as the acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs admitted to you, this new policy will facilitate the cruel deaths of approximately 4,100 vulnerable unborn children every year.

We appreciate your announcement that you will place a hold on all DOD civilian and general/flag officer nominations if the Department of Defense implements the policy. Further, we are grateful to you and Congressman Michael Cloud (R-TX) for introducing a Congressional Review Act resolution to overturn another egregious abortion policy in Veterans Affairs that would pay for abortions in violation of federal law. The Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs must not be corrupted by destroying rather than saving lives.

In June of last year, the Supreme Court rightly ruled in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health* that abortion is not a constitutionally protected right—the people and their elected representatives may debate the issue of abortion and decide how to protect unborn children and their mothers. Members of Congress have a significant role to play in the privilege and responsibility of protecting babies from abortion. We are grateful to you for using your power as a United States senator to force the Department of Defense to choose their constitutional mission over Biden's unlawful and aggressive pro-abortion agenda.

Sincerely,

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