



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

November 30, 2023

The Honorable Thomas Tuberville  
U.S. Senator for Alabama  
455 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tuberville,

We write to express our deep gratitude and support for your courageous leadership in the fight to preserve and protect the precious lives of unborn children and their mothers. Your holds on Department of Defense (DoD) nominations have brought needed scrutiny to President Biden's unprecedented and misguided policy to support the abortion industry by paying the transportation costs for military servicemembers and their dependents to travel to obtain elective abortions.

Federal law preventing the DoD from using funds to perform elective abortion (10 U.S.C § 1093) has been the subject of bipartisan consensus [since 1984](#). This statutory protection has been acknowledged and respected by both Democratic and Republican Administrations. The House of Representatives affirmed this longstanding history of keeping the abortion industry out of the U.S. armed forces by passing a provision in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act 2023 (H.R. 4365) prohibiting funds from being used to "implement, administer, or otherwise carry out the Department of Defense memorandum dated October 20, 2022," establishing President Biden's abortion travel policy.

We stand with you against this immoral and illegal abortion travel policy. The Biden Administration has chosen to ignore the law and use taxpayer dollars to subsidize abortion by funding the costs associated with obtaining elective abortion, including underwriting flights, hotels, and other logistical expenses.

It is incumbent upon us as strong supporters of our military to fully reject the Biden Administration's reckless diversion from the U.S. armed forces' focus on readiness and emerging threats. The false assertion that this abortion travel policy is needed to bolster military readiness implies that women should view motherhood as a barrier to serving their nation. We cannot allow the Biden Administration's extreme abortion agenda to limit the landscape of women's opportunities through the honorable call to duty.

The bottom line is that abortion is *not* healthcare for the mother or her baby. It is a brutal procedure that ends the lives of unborn children through suction, dismemberment, or chemical

poisoning and should not be paid for by the U.S. government. Our honorable female servicemembers should not be encouraged to consider abortion, a procedure that can lead to [significant physical complications](#) and has serious [mental health risks](#).

Women who have experienced abortions, like the women in the "[Silent No More Awareness Campaign](#)," are courageously speaking up about the extraordinary harm they have endured. Protecting our female servicemembers from the unnecessary harm that an elective abortion could inflict is the absolute least we can do to thank them for defending this nation.

Thank you for fighting the good fight with valor and unwavering dedication to protecting unborn children, the military women who serve our great Nation, and the laws that reinforce the strength and readiness of our armed forces.

Sincerely,



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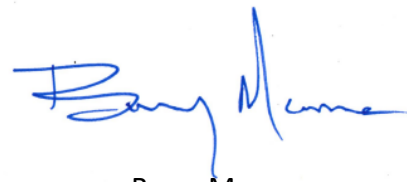
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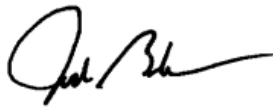
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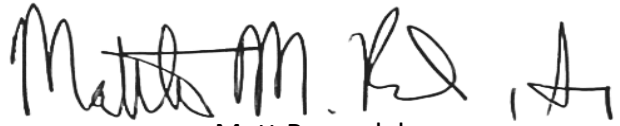
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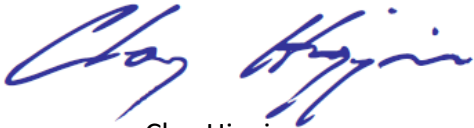
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