



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 700,000 members, strongly opposes and will score against H.R. 3351, the “*Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2020*,” because the bill repeals the longstanding, lifesaving Dornan Amendment, sometimes referred to as the District of Columbia (D.C.) Hyde Amendment.

The Dornan Amendment is a funding ban that was put in place to ensure that taxpayer money would not finance abortions in the District of Columbia. In 2009, Democrats succeeded in temporarily repealing the amendment, which was quickly restored in 2011. During that time, taxpayers tragically paid for no less than 300 abortions in Washington, D.C.

As our nation’s capital, Washington, D.C. should be a city representative of what we are as a nation – a people dedicated to upholding and defending our most basic rights, the first of which is life. The Dornan Amendment is truly a lifesaving measure. Without it, more innocent lives will be ended at taxpayer expense.

As a reminder, at the beginning of this Congress, members of the [House of Representatives](#) and [Senate](#) asked President Trump to promise to veto any legislation that weakens pro-life protections. [President Trump responded](#) with a firm guarantee to do so – whether the attacks come against pro-life laws or policies. His letter states, “I will veto any legislation that weakens current pro-life Federal policies and laws, or that encourages the destruction of innocent human life at any stage.” In fact, OMB has already issued a Statement of Administration Policy strongly objecting to the removal of the Dornan Amendment, and opposing H.R. 3351 in its entirety.

Susan B. Anthony List will score against H.R. 3351, and any hostile amendments to further undermine pro-life laws or policies. In addition, any amendments to restore pro-life protections in this extreme bill will be considered in our scorecard for the 116th Congress.

Sincerely,

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Susan B. Anthony List