



SUSAN B. ANTHONY
PRO-LIFE
AMERICA

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Dear Representative,

I write to advise you that Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, on behalf of our more than one million members from all 50 states, opposes and will score against H.R. 8294, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture, Energy and Water, Financial Services and General Government, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act of 2023. The Financial Services (FSGG) title once again excludes longstanding pro-life legacy riders.

The Financial Services bill eliminates two longstanding pro-life protections. The Dornan Amendment, also known as the D.C. Hyde Amendment, implements Hyde protections to funding for the District of Columbia. Recent analysis shows that if the Dornan Amendment were removed, taxpayers would likely fund between 1,400 and 1,500 abortions per year in Washington, D.C.¹

Additionally, the Financial Services bill eliminates the Smith Amendment, which attaches Hyde protections to Federal Employee Health Benefits. The Hyde Amendment includes restrictions on abortion coverage; the Smith amendment applies that same principle through Financial Services as relates to federal employees' health insurance plans.

Both of these critically important measures were excluded from the Democratic bills in the 2022 fiscal year FSGG appropriations bill, but pro-life members of Congress fought to restore them in the omnibus that was passed into law.

In the absence of these important, lifesaving legacy riders, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America strongly opposes and will score against H.R. 8294.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Dannenfelser
President
Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America

¹ "D.C. Statehood and Taxpayer Funding of Abortion," April 13, 2021: <https://lozierinstitute.org/dc-statehood-and-taxpayer-funding-of-abortion/>