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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. 8373, the so-called Right to Contraception Act, which would be more accurately titled the Payouts for Planned Parenthood Act.

This bill has less to do with the ability of individuals to obtain contraception and more to do with ensuring federal funding for abortion providers who also happen to provide contraceptives. Despite the fact that even under the Trump Administration, domestic family planning was federally funded at nearly \$1.8 billion in FY 2020, this bill seeks to guarantee funding to abortion providers by barring federal and state governments from redirecting contraception funding to life-affirming health care providers.

The bill also tramples on freedom of conscience for health care providers. It would override state and federal freedom of conscience laws, thereby driving out providers who have deeply held moral or religious beliefs about sterilization and contraceptives. Further, the bill explicitly excludes application of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Because the definition of contraceptives in this bill is overbroad, it could mandate access to abortion drugs. H.R. 8373 states that contraceptives include drugs, devices, or biological products intended for contraception, “whether specifically intended to prevent pregnancy or for other health needs.” This could include noncontroversial applications of the drug but could also include the use of the drug to induce abortion. What follows is that H.R. 8373 would then require the right to obtain a chemical abortion, the right to provide a chemical abortion, and would overturn any law that regulates chemical abortion by singling it out.

Far from being a bill that simply allows for access to contraception, this bill seeks to bail out the abortion industry, trample conscience rights, and require uninhibited access to dangerous chemical abortion drugs.

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America strongly opposes and will score against H.R. 8373.

Sincerely,

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