

January 22, 2025

Dear Members of Congress:

We, the undersigned medical and health professional organizations, stand in strong opposition to H.R. 21/S. 6. This bill represents a dangerous government intrusion into medical care.

H.R. 21/S. 6 is a departure from current law. It injects politicians into the patient-provider relationship, disregarding health care professionals' training and clinical judgment and undermining their ability to determine the best course of action with their patients. Patients need and deserve access to compassionate and appropriate medical care. Every patient needs to be able to make the decision that is best for them and their family. H.R. 21/S. 6 would impose criminal and civil penalties on clinicians that could chill the provision of care by those who work with high-risk patients in complicated situations, limiting access for their patients.

Abortion is safe and is a component of comprehensive medical care. Health care professionals who provide abortion care comply with existing laws and provide excellent care. People seeking abortion care, including those with pregnancy complications, deserve the highest quality medical treatment based on their individual health circumstances. H.R. 21/S. 6 seeks to undermine access to abortion by stigmatizing the health care professionals who provide essential care.

We urge lawmakers to oppose the insertion of politics into medicine and vote against H.R. 21/S. 6.

Sincerely,

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Academy of Nursing
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American College of Physicians
American Gynecological & Obstetrical Society
American Psychiatric Association
American Public Health Association
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society of Hematology
Council of Chairs of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics and Gynecology
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health
North American Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology
Physicians for Reproductive Health
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Society of Family Planning