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Sen. Rockefeller Silence Guarantees the Expansion of Abortion

Junior Senator says only “No” twice during hearing to prevent taxpayer subsidies for elective abortions, extend conscience protections.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Today, Sen. Rockefeller ignored calls from West Virginians, led by the Family Policy Council of West Virginia, to protect innocent human life and current conscience protections in the, “America’s Healthy Future Act of 2009.”

“Senator Rockefeller’s silence at today’s hearing speaks volumes for his support of abortion on demand,” said Jeremy Dys, president and general counsel of the Family Policy Council of West Virginia. “For the pre-born and for medical professionals of conscience, Senator Rockefeller’s vote was anything but, ‘family friendly.’”

The proposed legislation explicitly includes elective abortion and would subsidize health plans that cover all elective abortions. It would also undermine current conscience protections by not protecting health plans from being forced to cover elective abortions.

“Senator Rockefeller has helped the powerful abortion lobby to create a backdoor way around current Federal prohibitions to stick taxpayers with the bill to subsidize abortion services,” said Dys. “What may be worse, this legislation now allows for medical professionals to be coerced into performing such services – even against their own conscience.”

Today’s votes continue the trend by those in Congress to vote against the inclusion of life and conscience protections in health care reform. So far, every pro-life amendment proposed to the health care reform measure has been defeated.

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