



THE FAMILY
POLICY COUNCIL
OF WEST VIRGINIA

The Hon. Jay Rockefeller
531 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Senator Rockefeller:

It is my understanding that during Wednesday's meeting of the Senate Finance Committee you and your colleagues will consider key mark-ups that will limit the funding of abortion services and/or protect the conscience regulations of medical professionals.

On behalf of the Family Policy Council of West Virginia, I am writing to ask that you please vote to protect innocent human life by removing any taxpayer subsidies for abortion services under the proposed health care overhaul. Furthermore, we ask that you vote in favor of protecting the right of conscience of our hospitals, doctors, and nurses who are morally opposed to performing abortions or abortion related services.

Specifically, I am asking that you vote in favor of the Hatch Amendments C#12 (prohibiting assisted suicide), C#13 (protecting rights of conscience), and C#14 (regulating abortion funding).

Last week, you proposed marks that would create a "family friendly" health care system. As you have evinced a dedication to strengthening families and that the majority of West Virginians are stridently against subsidizing abortion services, I ask that you take care to protect the sanctity of human life with your vote.

Should you have any questions on this matter, you or your staff are welcome to contact me directly.

Respectfully,

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President and General Counsel.