

Dear Congresswoman Clarke:

I am a resident of Brooklyn and reside in your district.

I am writing to ask that you please vote NO to the so-called Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA). I strongly oppose this bill because it is radical and extreme and denies every protection to an unborn child up to the moment of birth. Contrary to its name, the bill seriously endangers women and their health.

The WHPA goes way beyond Roe and supersedes viability limitations, allowing an unborn child to be killed up to birth for any reason a woman chooses. If a child survives abortion at the latest stages, that child can be left to die and not given care. There are no viability standards for the unborn child in this law. That is not abortion. That is infanticide.

Scientific advances in fetal medicine have proven that unborn children can feel pain. This is why during fetal surgery, anesthesia is administered to the mother and the child so that the surgery can be performed and the unborn baby would not be experience pain during the operation.

The WHPA would preempt the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Babies can be killed up to the moment of birth and experience the most excruciating pain during a D & E abortion which literally tears a baby to pieces, limb by limb. States would not even have the right to ban this type of "procedure."

The WHPA would undermine even the most minimal restrictions on abortion that protect women, by undoing parental notification and consent requirements, and waiting periods so that a woman can reflect on her abortion decision.

If this law were to take effect, a girl can be exploited by her boyfriend, by older men and by any abortion clinic that wants to cover up the crime. In situations where a young teen becomes pregnant with an adult male, that man could take the girl to an abortion facility without her parents knowledge. Anyone would be able to take the young girl to a clinic for an abortion, including the boyfriend's parents. Too often, the abortion facility protects the man and allows the abortion to take place, not notifying the police. That is complicity with statutory rape.

The WHPA also denies health professionals their rights of refusal to participate in an abortion, if they have religious or conscience objections and believe it is murder. They can be fired from jobs for adhering to their religious beliefs

Abortion is wrong. It is the killing of an unborn life. Abortion is not a decision between a woman and her "doctor." It is a hurried decision she makes once with an abortionist that she will never see again. Her reasons may be conflicted and she is in a rush to make the decision. The "doctor" has a motive, and that is to make money. Just look at the Texas "doctor" who

objected to the Heartbeat Act and bragged that he performed 67 abortions in 17 hours. Does anyone actually believe he cared about the health or care of these women?

Women are often pressured into abortions they do not want. Removing reasonable waiting periods is wrong and puts the woman in jeopardy of making a rash decision. I know women who have had abortions and have been harmed and left with a lifetime of regret. I know a woman who had an abortion and never was able to have a child again.

I know people who consider themselves “pro-choice” but they agree that this bill goes way too far.

Women deserve better than abortion.

I urge you to vote NO on the Women’s Health Protection Act. It is not about health, and it protects no one.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Chernin