

show on many occasions to discuss key issues impacting our Nation and the CSRA. I will always appreciate Austin's flexibility, willingness to have important conversations, and most of all his ability to tell it like he sees it.

I congratulate Austin on this well-deserved honor. I have no doubt that he will continue to be our afternoon voice on the airways for many years to come.

#### DO NOT SELL OFF PUBLIC LANDS

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to send a message to Senator LEE and his allies: We are not going to let you use our treasured public lands as revenue raisers to pay for tax cuts for billionaires.

We made it clear here in the House that selling off our public lands faced bipartisan opposition. With the House version of the bill, I was pleased and proud to lead the effort to strike that provision to sell off public lands in my congressional district in southern Nevada without our consent.

Now, Senator LEE is trying to introduce a similar provision in the Senate version of the bill. Nevadans see this for what it is, and there is public outrage from outdoor enthusiasts and conservationists.

I am pleased that the Senate Parliamentarian, with the Byrd rule, has correctly ruled that this reckless provision has no business in a reconciliation bill. These are our public lands. Look at this map, and you can see what is at stake. It is not in the bill right now, but the fight is far from over, and so we will continue to do that. This is the reason why, for future generations.

#### TEN COMMONSENSE REFORMS

(Mrs. FEDORCHAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight 10 provisions in the House-passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act, 10 commonsense reforms that too often get overlooked.

One, the bill modernizes our air traffic control system;

Two, it reforms student loans to reduce student loan debt and debt burdens;

Three, it helps farmers by increasing reference prices and strengthening crop insurance;

Four, it ensures EV drivers pay their fair share for the roads because everyone who uses roads should help pay for them;

Five, it reopens Federal lands for energy and mineral development, restoring American energy leadership;

Six, it unlocks spectrum for auction so we can roll out faster 5G;

Seven, it restocks our military, delivering peace through strength;

Eight, it invests \$10 billion in border security or more;

Nine, it eliminates the \$200 Federal tax on suppressors; and,

Ten, last but not least, it ends Federal subsidies for wind and solar.

#### CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY OF DOBBS DECISION

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago today, the infamous holding of *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* were reversed by the Dobbs decision, brilliantly written by Justice Samuel Alito, who hails from my State and from my home county, joined by the majority of the Supreme Court.

They said this: "The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion . . ."

They went on to say: ". . . the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives."

A new national debate on abortion began 3 years ago. While there will be setbacks along the way, every human rights struggle has them. I believe that growing numbers of Americans are finally recognizing the cheap sophistry, the megadeception, and the culture of denial that devalues and disrespects unborn baby girls and unborn baby boys and trivializes the harm suffered by women.

The comprehensive 2025 nationwide Marist Poll found that Americans are against taxpayer-funded abortion, both at home and overseas in our foreign aid; strongly support pregnancy care centers, I mean very strongly support them; and want significant restrictions on abortion.

A large number of elected representatives have passed pro-life laws to protect unborn children, including the State of Texas; and when a heartbeat can be detected at around 6 weeks in States like Florida, Georgia, Iowa, and South Carolina; or when the child suffers excruciating physical pain, as we know they do, from the abortion procedure, particularly as the child is being dismembered. That is a procedure used to kill these children at about 12 to 15 weeks. To date, 24 States have enacted pro-life laws to protect unborn children and women from the violence of abortion.

Meanwhile, I am happy to say there are more than 2,700 pregnancy care

centers throughout the United States, each and every one of them an oasis of love, compassion, empathy, respect, and care for both mothers and their precious children.

Abortion extremists in several States, on the other hand, including in my own State of New Jersey, have enacted anti-child laws that legally authorize killing unborn babies right up until the moment of birth and also forcing taxpayers to subsidize the violent deed.

Twice the Democratic-led House of Representatives passed extremist legislation that would have explicitly sanctioned abortion throughout all 9 months of pregnancy, again, right up to the moment of birth, and would have nullified even modest restrictions enacted over the past half century, including informed consent, waiting periods, and parental notification statutes.

Let me just point out to my colleagues, the so-called abortion pill, mifepristone, is baby poison. It kills the unborn infant by starving the innocent child to death.

I have done a lot of work on the Foreign Affairs Committee over the years on food security. I have written two bills that passed the House, called the Global Food Security Act. I am all about, as we all are, mitigating hunger in our hometowns and across the world. What does mifepristone do? It starves the baby to death. The little child can't get the nutrients he or she needs to survive.

This statement by Dr. Francis makes it clear:

It leads to starvation and eventual death to the fetal human being.

We also know now, however, that mifepristone is extremely dangerous to women as well, and this is especially important because this dangerous drug is used to procure abortion 60 percent of the time, 6 out of 10 abortions in the United States.

On April 28, 2015, the Ethics and Public Policy Center released a report titled: "The Abortion Pill Harms Women: Insurance Data Reveals One in Ten Patients Experiences a Serious Adverse Event." The key findings were that women who take this drug experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging, and other serious adverse events within about 45 days of taking it. It was the largest study ever, known study of the abortion pill, 28 times as many abortions as were included in all FDA-cited clinical trials combined. This is the megastudy, and it found what was not found earlier because in many cases those trials were sham trials.

Let me also point out that it needs to be revisited. We call on the FDA to look at what has been done to women because of this terrible, terrible abortion drug.

Let me just conclude before yielding to my very distinguished colleagues: I believe that future generations of Americans will some day look back on us and wonder how and why a society that bragged about its commitment to

human rights could have legally sanctioned and aggressively promoted abortion by child starvation or by dismemberment, beheading, chemical poisoning, and forced expulsion from the womb. I call on my colleagues to defend life.

I also would point out, in an information age, they will wonder, as I do now, how was it that so many were deceived into believing that somehow abortion is safe. It is never safe for the baby, and it is certainly not safe for the mother, as well.

The injustice of abortion violence need not be forever, and we stand united in trying to protect those innocent human beings.

I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON), our very distinguished Speaker of the House.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for his many years in this arena defending the sanctity of every human life. I rise this afternoon to mark this historic lifesaving anniversary.

Three years ago today, the Supreme Court corrected an egregious and tragic error and affirmed an undeniable truth that was originally affirmed in our Nation's birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence. That truth is that every single person is made in the image of God, and they are thus bestowed with inestimable dignity and value.

Our value is not related in any way to the color of our skin or what ZIP Code we live in, what our talents are, what are hobbies or our aptitudes are. It is all irrelevant because our value, our intrinsic value, is given to us by our Creator. That is what the Framers of this grand experiment in self-governance believed.

The Dobbs decision, which moved the question of regulating abortion to the people's elected representatives, reversed 50 years of inhumane social engineering and has saved hundreds of thousands of innocent lives in the process.

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America estimates that post-Dobbs, pro-life policies have now saved more than 200,000 lives annually. That means at least 200,000 more babies every year are being given the blessing of life, the opportunity to be born. How profound that is.

On this very joyous, lifesaving anniversary, we remember the more than 63 million who were never given that opportunity to live, and we vow to continue building a culture of life and advancing policies which protect the sanctity of every single human life.

I again salute my friend CHRIS SMITH, the chairman of our Pro-Life Caucus, for all his work for so many decades in this arena. I thank him for holding this Special Order hour this afternoon.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I thank our very distinguished Speaker for his remarks. No one is more articulate, more passionate, or more informed on the issues

of life across the board than our Speaker, and what a leader he is. I can't thank Speaker JOHNSON enough for his leadership. It is for times such as this he is here and doing a tremendous job.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER).

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman SMITH so much for his decades of service to the pro-life movement.

June 24, 2022, will forever be one of the greatest days in American history. After 50 years of peacefully praying outside clinics and marching in Washington and our State capitals, *Roe v. Wade* was no more. While the Dobbs decision was a monumental victory, the fight for life has only just begun.

Many States have stepped up to the plate, with over half of them enacting laws to protect unborn life. However, blue States have doubled down on their murderous assault of the unborn. Sadly, my home State of Illinois has become one of the destination States in the Midwest for abortion. In 2023, we recorded the most abortions ever in our State's history, and our radical Governor proudly signed legislation allowing abortions through all 9 months of pregnancy.

Since the previous administration rescinded safety regulations for chemical abortions, women are being harmed, and our water supply is being severely contaminated.

Republicans are the party of life, and we must protect both mom and baby. That is why I have introduced legislation like H.R. 796, the Second Chance for Moms Act, which would require the FDA to place a warning label on chemical abortion drugs so that women can reverse a chemical abortion before it is too late.

I have also introduced H.R. 797, the Ultrasounds Save Lives Act, which would mandate an ultrasound be performed before an abortion can take place. Up to 90 percent of women seeking an abortion who see an ultrasound of their baby change their minds and choose life.

The Dobbs decision ended the greatest human rights violation of our time, but our work has just begun. Republicans stand ready to support women facing crisis pregnancies not just with words but with actions.

I again thank Congressman SMITH for commemorating this important anniversary.

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois) for her leadership and legislation. We have to get that passed. She has been a tremendous spokeswoman for years and to this day, so I thank her very much.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. FULCHER), my good friend and colleague who serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I thank the good chairman of the Pro-

Life Caucus and my friend, CHRIS SMITH, for holding this Special Order.

In the Declaration of Independence, our Founding Fathers made clear that our creator endows every individual with certain unalienable rights, the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This is a self-evident truth that, for nearly 50 years, our Nation tragically denied to millions of unborn children.

However, thankfully, today marks the third anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision. This ruling marked the historic overturn of *Roe v. Wade* and a renewal of power to elected State leaders. It opened the floodgates not just for restored State power but also for the voiceless, who now have a chance at life.

Since arriving in D.C., I have supported numerous legislative initiatives that protect the sanctity of life. Just this last year, I was proud to co-lead an amicus brief that supported Idaho in defending its pro-life law, the Defense of Life Act, against the Biden administration's efforts to preempt it with their wrongful reinterpretation of Federal law.

Madam Speaker, protecting the unborn isn't just a legal issue. It is a moral one. I am honored to stand alongside my colleagues today to commemorate the anniversary of this momentous victory for life. I will continue to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I thank RUSS FULCHER for his leadership as well. He is on point.

Madam Speaker, I recognize the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS), a distinguished member of the Judiciary Committee, a very good friend, and a very powerful voice on so many issues, including defending the unborn.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative SMITH for yielding time to me today and also for a lifetime of work that he has put in to save the lives of so many unborn children.

Madam Speaker, today marks the third anniversary of one of the most consequential decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court in our Nation's history, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. That bill corrected a grave constitutional error and returned the power to protect life back to the States, where it has always belonged.

The decision reached in *Roe v. Wade* was never grounded in sound law. It was judicial activism masquerading as jurisprudence. That activism resulted in the death of more than 60 million innocent lives. That decision was a lie. It was fabricated out of thin air by activist judges who thought they knew better than the Constitution and the people.

Dobbs gave that power back to the people, back to the States. Since that ruling, we have seen States across the Nation step up and declare what the

left refuses to admit, which is that human life begins at conception and that every child has the right to be born.

They want taxpayer-funded abortion up to and including the moment of birth. Sadly, my own State has enshrined that in its own constitution.

The Dobbs decision represents a triumph of constitutional originalism and the sanctity of life, an incredible decision that has the potential to change the very trajectory of this Nation. It was the fruit of tireless prayer, relentless advocacy, and the courage of millions who refused to accept the culture of death.

One of those great leaders sits next to me now, Representative CHRISTOPHER SMITH.

Life should not be a partisan issue, and I know that we have a chance to actually rehabilitate this Nation. This is a key issue, and the Dobbs decision provides us the opportunity to be the final fulcrum of change here.

I thank God for the Supreme Court. I thank God for people like CHRIST SMITH and the tireless millions of advocates over the years. I thank God for this country. May He bless this country.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I thank ANDY BIGGS for his leadership for so many years and for his articulate protection in defense of innocent human life, which, again, was on full display today. I really appreciate his leadership.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SHREVE), a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and we serve together on the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. SHREVE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH).

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to follow some of our Chamber's most distinguished colleagues, including Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, on the anniversary of this historic day.

Three years ago today, on June 24, 2022, our Supreme Court issued its ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson. Their decision overturned Roe v. Wade and restored the right of each State, including my home State of Indiana, to protect the lives of the unborn.

Today, we reaffirm the sanctity of human life, both mother and child.

I join my House colleagues in introducing legislation to designate June as Life Month. I have prioritized this issue in my time in Congress, and I will continue to advocate for every unborn child and offer compassionate care for expectant mothers.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his strong statement. It is really an honor to serve with him on the Foreign Affairs Committee. We have many battles there as some try to push international funding for abortion.

We have a couple more speakers who will be joining us. One will be the presiding chair, who is making her way

down to the podium. I thank her for her leadership, as well.

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman SMITH for his leadership and for spearheading this Special Order today on this very important subject.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a pro-life mom of three. Today marks 3 years since the Supreme Court made history with the Dobbs decision. This was a really important moment that returned the power to protect life back to the people through their elected representatives in each State. That is where these decisions belong.

As we mark this anniversary, I am filled with hope that we can continue building a culture where life is honored, women are supported, and families are strengthened.

It is my heartfelt belief that abortion should never be anyone's first or only option. Every woman deserves to know that there is help, hope, and a path forward, a beautiful path forward that supports life.

The Dobbs decision was more than a legal victory. It was a renewed call to answer the greatest human rights question of our time. Every life, born and unborn, has value and dignity.

I was very touched 2 weeks ago when one of my constituents, Jay Reinke from Lutherans for Life—he lives in Rugby, North Dakota—visited my office right here in D.C. He left me with a very simple, fun, but poignant reminder about the pro-life movement, and it really sums it up very well and simply. This is Horton from “Horton Hears a Who!” Horton's main philosophy was this: “A person is a person, no matter how small.”

For America to be a perfect Union, our lives must reflect that. Let's keep standing together to build a country where no woman feels alone, no child is unwanted, and every life is seen as a gift.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for reminding us of that very profound truth from “Horton Hears a Who!” “A person is a person, no matter how small.” I love that.

I remind my colleagues that when we talk about pregnancy care centers—I briefly mentioned them earlier—they are just areas where women find help during their unintended pregnancies and afterward.

I was speaking at a pregnancy care center fundraiser some years ago, and there were two women who got up and thanked the director of the center, who was out near an abortion clinic just gently and very nonjudgmentally saying: Please reconsider. We can help you.

The two women who spoke decided right there, when they were right outside the abortion clinic and were going to abort their babies—they reconsidered, and they had their children. They thanked, with tears, that director. She was there that day between both of them and an irrefutable, unchangeable

decision that would have ended the lives of their children.

Later on in the program, two young girls got up. They were teenagers, 12, 13, or 14 years old. They both stood next to the podium, side by side, and talked about sports. They talked about the value of life. It was a very good speech. At the end, they turned to the director and said: Thank you. Had you not been outside of that clinic that day 12, 13, or 14 years ago, we would have been dead.

That is the reality. We are trying to save precious lives.

Birth is an event. It is not the beginning of life. It is an event that happens to each and every one of us. Children, once born, are incredibly vulnerable. They need to be held, fed, and loved.

The idea that somehow before birth there is a nonperson there is absolutely illogical and absurd. We need to love them both. Love the women the way these wonderful pregnancy care center leaders do, and also love their babies and care for both. That is what we need to be doing as a Congress. We need to step up and do more.

ANDY BIGGS mentioned the over 60 million babies who have died from abortions over the years. That number is staggering. It is numbing to think so many children have lost their lives.

My wife, Marie, and I met in the pro-life movement more than 50 years ago. We were both student activists in New Jersey, at The College of New Jersey. We also worked with so many through outreach, both in the churches as well as in the secular space, with post-abortive women, to love them, too, and tell them that there is a way forward. The loss of that child is heartbreaking in the extreme, but there is a path forward. There is reconciliation. There is a way to find peace even after the fact.

My wife and I know many women who have had abortions. One woman, Alveda King, the niece of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, has said, parenthetically, in one of her speeches: “How can the dream survive?” The dream she is talking about is that of her uncle, Martin Luther King. If we murder the children, how can the dream survive?

She has had two abortions, and she knows the reconciliation that God can provide. Now, she speaks out to other women to say that there is a way forward.

I encourage post-abortive women to know that there are many out there, many loving people, mostly women, who will reach out and help you in that very difficult time.

I can't thank enough my colleagues who have participated.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MCGUIRE), my colleague who is a member of the Armed Services Committee and a distinguished Member of this body.

Mr. MCGUIRE. Madam Speaker, life is a miracle, and it must be protected. I am honored to be here today to commemorate the 3-year anniversary of

the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

The *Dobbs* ruling rightfully overturned *Roe v. Wade* and brought the right to decide abortion back to the States. Abortion is not a constitutional right, nor is it healthcare.

This decision was a momentous victory for life. However, our fight is not over until all women and unborn children are protected from the violence of abortion.

Over 66 million abortions have occurred in the United States since 1973. These abortions have not only destroyed the miracle of life but are dangerous to the health and well-being of women.

Recently, the Ethics and Public Policy Center released a report that 1 in 10 women who take the chemical abortion pill mifepristone experience a serious adverse event, including sepsis, hemorrhaging, or infection.

As elected Representatives, we need to unite to support pregnant women and their unborn babies. I will continue to fight to protect and support expectant mothers and be a voice for the voiceless and most vulnerable, the unborn.

Every life is a miracle, and, again, it must be protected.

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend and colleague and welcome him to the House. He is doing a great job. I thank him.

I would again point out that we do have one final speaker on his way, Dr. BOB ONDER, who is the new co-chair of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus. He will be here momentarily.

I will say, as we are awaiting his arrival, life is the first human right. If we don't have that, every other right—religion, speech, every assembly—falls. Republicans are trying to on our side and we need friends on the Democrat side to join us and to say that the most fundamental of all human rights is the right to life.

Ultrasound has exploded any myth that somehow the child is not human and not alive. My wife and I have four children. We had ultrasounds with them. We have nine grandchildren. Each of those grandchildren had a very, very significant ultrasound.

The modern ultrasound today, the details that it depicts of that baby moving, sucking his or her thumb, we see that and we know we are parents. We are not going to become a parent. We are not expectant. We know we are a parent because we have seen our child. The bonding begins even more earnestly after viewing that child on the ultrasound.

We have got to do far more. We called on the President, and the President is pro-life. I am happy to say that. He has done much by way of executive orders and also by reversing previous executive orders that were anti-life. I could go through all of them.

I think we are on the road now to protecting the innocent and the most vulnerable. I have so many good friends on the Democrat side of the aisle. I ask them to reconsider. There needs to be a reevaluation. The surface appeal arguments that have prevailed for 50 years about abortion and the slogans that have prevailed with so many need to be pierced and exposed for what they are.

One of them, as I said in my opening, is about how safe abortion is to the mom. Now we have this abortion pill. The new data shows beyond any reasonable doubt almost 11 percent of the women who take the abortion pill, mifepristone, are suffering very serious consequences within 45 days. That study needs to enlighten the FDA and others within our government to say the past trials were sham trials.

Let's not forget RU-486, the abortion pill, which was brought over by Bill Clinton. It was done in a way I find appalling. He sent FDA Commissioner Kessler to Roussel-Uclaf, the company marketing it, and told him to please bring the abortion pill to the United States. The trials, like I said, were not honest.

Then President Obama—and he was doubled down on by Biden—said don't report adverse events when somebody takes this pill. He said don't report them and that we don't have to.

How do we know if any drug is effective or is healthy and does not pose a risk if we don't report adverse events? Name a drug that says there is an adverse way of saying—that there is an adverse event and saying this drug caused this and sometimes it results in a new black box warning. We have seen that with a number of drugs over the years where they found out, oh, my God, there has been a subsequent, unanticipated consequence, a deleterious effect to the user. Let's get that out. That is not the case with mifepristone.

The Biden administration said nothing. They said to say nothing. That has to change because this new study that was just released 2 months ago shatters any thought that somehow this was a safe drug for women. It is not. It is very, very dangerous.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ONDER), a new member of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus and our co-chair. The gentleman also serves on the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Education and Workforce, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. ONDER. Madam Speaker, I thank Chairman SMITH for his leadership. I am so excited to join him today as the newest co-chairman of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus.

Madam Speaker, today we celebrate the biggest victory for life in American history, the Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*. This court case held that the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion and returned the authority to regulate abortion to the

American people and to their elected Representatives.

*Roe v. Wade* wrongly held that the 14th Amendment's reference to liberty protects the right to abortion. *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* subsequently upheld that argument, but *Dobbs v. Jackson* rightly rejected this specious argument.

The Constitution makes no explicit reference to a right to an abortion. Why is this so? Some would claim that that is because it wasn't a relevant issue back in the 18th century when the Constitution was written, but this is not true.

Abortion has been discussed historically since ancient times. It has been documented as far back as 1075 BC in ancient Assyria. The Hippocratic oath condemned abortion in the fifth century BC.

The Founding Fathers were well aware of the reality of abortion when they drafted this Constitution. They did it guided by the principles of natural law which, according to Thomas Aquinas, is understood by the light of reason.

The precepts of natural law are written in our hearts. We are naturally horrified by evil acts, murder being chief among them. Since human law is based upon natural law, we can rightly deduce that intentional killing of the innocent has no place in a civilized society.

As our Founding Fathers were drafting the Constitution, they never intended for the Constitution to be interpreted in such a manner as to directly contradict the natural law upon which our Republic was founded.

Nevertheless, *Roe v. Wade* did exactly that. Thank goodness, we now have a Supreme Court that understands the Founders' intent to the natural moral law.

One of the most important tasks we now have in a post-*Roe* world is the continuing fight for life at the Federal level. *Dobbs v. Jackson* did not simply kick back the issue of abortion to the States. The wording in the Court's opinion was very clear. The authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected Representatives.

Members of Congress and Senators are elected Representatives. Congress has the authority and the responsibility to legislate on this issue in certain areas.

There are many policies within our purview. For instance, Federal taxpayer dollars still flow to *Planned Parenthood* uninterrupted. According to the Charlotte Lozier Institute, between 2019 and 2024, *Planned Parenthood* was issued \$66 million of direct funding through Title X.

From 2019 to 2021, *Planned Parenthood* received \$1.5 billion—yes, that is billion with a b—from Medicaid/CHIP and \$3.3 million from Medicare.

There is no reason we cannot turn off *Planned Parenthood's* government cash flow. The big, beautiful bill in its current form protects taxpayers from

being forced to fund Planned Parenthood. This provision must be preserved in the final bill, otherwise it will be very difficult for pro-life Members to support the final package.

Another example is the use of Federal dollars on the grotesque experiments used on baby body parts funded by the taxpayer. The National Institutes of Health spent \$53 million on human fetal tissue research in 2023 and expects to spend \$55 million in 2025.

This is a human rights abuse, and it has not even produced valuable research. After nearly 100 years, no therapies have been discovered or developed that require aborted fetal tissue. Meanwhile, ethical alternatives for research and treatment are available and effective.

Nonfetal cells were used to develop insulin for diabetes and Herceptin for breast cancer. Umbilical cord blood has treated thousands of people with blood disorders, and adult stem cells have saved over 1 million people worldwide.

There is no reason to continue funding aborted fetal tissue research. That is why I introduced the Protecting Life and Integrity in Research Act of 2025, which blocks all Federal funding for research involving human fetal tissue from an induced abortion. Language to accomplish this policy priority was included in the fiscal year 2025 Labor, Health, and Human Services appropriations bill. I look forward to seeing it approved and included in the 2026 bill.

Yet another issue is the rise of dangerous chemical abortions. Chemical abortions comprise over half of all abortions performed in the United States. New research shows that this regimen is very dangerous to American women.

More than 1 in 10 women who use chemical abortion pills experience serious adverse events. The rate of serious adverse events is about 22 times higher than the rate stated by the FDA. It is a blatant lie that taking mifepristone is safer than Tylenol, as Planned Parenthood likes to say.

Congress must act to protect women by reinstating the FDA's original requirement that mifepristone, the abortion pill, be dispensed in person under medical supervision and not by teleabortions.

Prescribing these pills to pregnant women without an in-person evaluation for an ectopic pregnancy or other conditions should be considered medical malpractice, which indeed it is. I look forward to working with my colleagues to address these issues.

Today, we celebrate a milestone standing for life. A new study from the Journal of the American Medical Association found that since *Dobbs v. Jackson*, 22,180 more babies have been born in States that enacted pro-life protection laws. Praise God. What a beautiful gift.

As we celebrate the third anniversary of *Dobbs v. Jackson*, let us take comfort in knowing we advanced the cause of human dignity in the United States.

Let us continue to fight for life and never give up hope. The cause of human life is a righteous one because all life is precious in the eyes of God.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Representative from Missouri (Mr. ONDER) for his tremendous work, including in the legislature before he came here. He was the author of several important initiatives. We are very grateful for that. We thank him and really appreciate him. It is an honor to have him as a co-chair of our Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for their important statements today. I will just say that we will be tenacious in defense of life. We will never quit. We pray and hope for reconciliation in America when it comes to this and all other issues that so seriously divide us.

Mr. Speaker, three years ago today (June 24th), the infamous holdings in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* were reversed by the *Dobbs* decision brilliantly written by Justice Samuel Alito—joined by the majority of the U.S. Supreme Court—which said: "The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion" and then went on "to return to the people and their elected representatives . . . the authority to regulate or prohibit abortion."

A new national debate on abortion began three years ago—and while there will be setbacks along the way—I believe that growing numbers of Americans are finally recognizing the cheap sophistry, mega deception and pro-abortion culture of denial that devalues and disrespects unborn baby girls and boys and trivializes the harm suffered by women.

The comprehensive 2025 nationwide Marist abortion poll found that Americans are against taxpayer funding of abortion at home and in foreign aid, strongly support pregnancy care centers and want significant restrictions on abortion.

A large number of elected representatives have passed pro-life laws to protect unborn children including Texas, and when a heartbeat can be detected at around 6 weeks—Florida Georgia, Iowa, South Carolina—or when the child suffers excruciating physical pain from the abortion procedure at 12–15 weeks.

To date, 24 states have enacted pro-life laws to protect unborn children and women from the violence of abortion.

Meanwhile, there are more than 2,700 pregnancy resource centers throughout the United States—each and every one of them an oasis of love, compassion, empathy, respect, and care for both mothers and their precious children.

Abortion extremists in several states, on the other hand, including my own state of New Jersey, have enacted anti-child laws that legally authorize killing unborn babies right up to the moment of birth while forcing taxpayers to subsidize the violent deed.

Twice the Democrat-led House of Representatives passed extremist legislation that would have explicitly sanctioned abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy—right up until birth—and would have nullified even modest restrictions enacted over the past half century, including informed consent, waiting periods and parental notification statutes.

The so-called abortion pill—mifepristone—is baby poison that kills the unborn infant by starving the innocent child to death.

We now know however, that mifepristone is extremely dangerous to women as well and this is especially important because this dangerous drug is used to procure at least six out of ten abortions in the United States.

On April 28, 2025, the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC) released a report entitled, "The Abortion Pill Harms Women: Insurance Data Reveals One in Ten Patients Experiences a Serious Adverse Event." This report, led by researcher Jamie Bryan Hall, is the first in an ongoing series.

Key Finding: The report found that more than one out of ten (10.93 percent) women who take the chemical abortion drug mifepristone experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging, or another serious adverse event within 45 days.

Study Methods: EPPC analyzed data from an all-payer insurance claims database that includes 865,727 prescribed mifepristone abortions between 2017–2023.

Large Dataset. EPPC states that this is the "largest-known study of the abortion pill" and includes "28 times as many [abortions] as were included in all FDA-cited clinical trials combined."

Recent Data: While the EPPC study uses data that is no older than 2017, EPPC notes that "the FDA approval of mifepristone relies on data from more than a decade ago."

Representative Sample: EPPC explains that this "real-world, post-market study" is "representational of the women who obtain mifepristone abortion in the U.S." Unlike other clinical trials that have been conducted, this study does not recruit "a prescreened group of generally healthy women."

Policy Implications: The Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) decision under the Obama and Biden Administrations to progressively weaken the safety protocols around mifepristone is based on old, flawed data.

On the Mifeprex label, the FDA claims that less than 0.5 percent of women taking mifepristone experience serious adverse reactions. This claim is based on ten older clinical trials studying a combined total of 30,966 participants. The recent report suggests that the number of serious adverse events is at least 22 times higher.

FDA has conveniently failed to collect comprehensive safety data while making unsupported claims that mifepristone is safe.

Future generations will someday look back on us and wonder how and why a society that bragged about its commitment to human rights could have legally sanctioned and aggressively promoted abortion by child starvation, beheadings, dismemberment, chemical poisoning, and forced expulsion from the womb.

And in an information age how so many were deceived into believing that abortion was safe.

The injustice of abortion violence need not be forever.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 27 minutes