



REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES PROJECT

House Passes Extreme Ban on Later Abortion

RHTP Dismayed by Continued Political Interference with Personal Decisionmaking

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Statement by Jessica Arons, President & CEO of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project, on House passage of H.R. 36, a bill banning abortion care at 20 weeks with only very narrow exceptions for rape, incest, and physical endangerment of a woman's life.

“While an abortion after 20 weeks may make some people uncomfortable, we can all agree that a woman's health, not politics, should drive important medical decisions. Politicians are not medical experts and this is not an area where politicians should be meddling.

“Recent changes to this bill have not improved it. This bill is just as cruel, harmful, and unconstitutional as it has always been.

“A ban on abortion at 20 weeks makes it harder for a woman who is already facing difficult circumstances. Because each situation is different, we should not deny a woman the ability to make her own decisions in consultation with those she trusts the most.”

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Founded in 1982, the mission of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project is to advance the ability of every woman of any age to achieve full reproductive freedom with access to the safest, most effective, appropriate and acceptable technologies for ensuring her own health and controlling her fertility. To fulfill this mission, we seek to build consensus in support of an education, research and advocacy agenda for reproductive health and reproductive freedom. We seek consensus through a process of dialogue among diverse communities about technological developments and their global implications.