

FIGHT FOCA

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I oppose the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), because:

FOCA is a radical attempt to enshrine abortion-on-demand into American law;
FOCA seeks to sweep aside existing, protective laws that I and the majority of Americans support;
FOCA will prevent states from enacting protective measures in the future.

The Fight FOCA petition will be sent to key Members of Congress upon the re-introduction of the Freedom of Choice Act in the 111th Congress, and to President-Elect Obama.

*In every child which is born and in every person who
lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We
celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of
the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.*

Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, no. 84

Respect

Life

- 64% OF ABORTIONS INVOLVE COERCION.
- 84% OF WOMEN HAVING ABORTIONS WERE NOT FULLY INFORMED.
- 52% FELT RUSHED AND 54% UNCERTAIN BEFOREHAND, YET
- 67% RECEIVED NO COUNSELING BEFOREHAND
- 79% WERE NOT INFORMED ABOUT ALTERNATIVES.
- RISK OF DEATH FOR WOMEN IS 62% HIGHER AFTER ABORTION.
- 31% SUFFER HEALTH COMPLICATIONS AFTER ABORTION.
- 65% SUFFER SYMPTOMS OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD).
- 60% SAID "PART OF ME DIED."
- TEENS ARE 6 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO COMMIT SUICIDE IF THEY'VE HAD AN ABORTION IN THE LAST 6 MOS.
- CLINICAL DEPRESSION RISK IS 65% HIGHER AFTER ABORTION.
- SUICIDE RATES ARE 6 TIMES HIGHER AFTER ABORTION.*

WHAT IS THE LEGAL IMPACT OF FOCA? The “Freedom of Choice Act” (FOCA) is a radical piece of legislation that creates a “fundamental right” to abortion throughout the nine months of pregnancy. No governmental body at any level – federal, state, or local – would be able to “deny or interfere with” this right, or to “discriminate” against its exercise “in the regulation or provision of benefits, services, or information.” **For the first time, abortion would become an entitlement the government must fund and promote.** FOCA creates a new and dangerously radical “right.” It establishes the right to abortion as a “fundamental right,” elevating it to the same status as the right to vote and the right to free speech (which, unlike the abortion license, are specifically mentioned in the U.S. Constitution). Critically, in *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court did not define abortion as a “fundamental right.” And with the exception of one justice’s attempt in 1983 to distort the Court’s abortion jurisprudence by framing the abortion license as a “fundamental right,” the Court has not subsequently defined abortion as a “fundamental right.” Thus, FOCA goes beyond any Supreme Court decision in enshrining unlimited abortion-on-demand into American law.

THE IMPACT OF FOCA? FOCA would nullify more than 550 federal and state laws such as: Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003; Hyde Amendment (restricting taxpayer funding of abortions); Restrictions on abortions performed at military hospitals; Informed consent laws; Waiting periods; Parental consent and notification laws; and Health and safety regulations for abortion clinics, are only a few examples.

- FOCA will make American taxpayers fund a procedure they might find morally objectionable
- FOCA will void the now Legal protections for Catholic and other religiously-affiliated hospitals who, while providing care to millions of poor and uninsured Americans, refuse to allow abortions within their facilities
- FOCA will require all doctors, regardless of personal conscious, to perform an abortion.
- FOCA violates the conscience rights of nurses, doctors and hospitals
- FOCA requires all states to allow “partial birth” and other late-term abortions
- FOCA strips parents of their right to be involved in their minor daughters’ abortion decision

Pro-abortion groups have been trying to pass FOCA since 1989 – and now we have a Congress more disposed than any in recent years to pass the bill and a President who has already said he will sign it into law.

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Write: Senator Jeff Sessions

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Web: <http://sessions.senate.gov> Then click on the “Contact Me” tab to send email

Write: Congressman Bobby Bright

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Phone: (202) 225-2901 Web: <http://bright.house.gov> Click on the “Contact Me” tab to send email

More Information on government issues can be found at <http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>

Sample Letter Against the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)

Dear (Mr. President Obama, Senator, Congressman, or Congresswoman):

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) would far exceed the codification of *Roe V. Wade* through its creation of a “fundamental right” to abortion. If enacted, this legislation would deprive states of their ability to limit and regulate abortion by invalidating laws that prohibit “partial-birth” and late term abortions. It would also limit measures designed to protect women from unsafe clinics and uninformed decisions, and undercut the conscience protections of physicians, hospitals and hospital personnel.

In addition, FOCA would subsidize abortion with the tax dollars of citizens who are morally opposed to abortion and committed to the protection of innocent human life. In each of these areas, as well as others, the “Freedom of Choice Act” is extreme and expansive in its reach, and I ask you to do everything in your power **to prevent its passage.**

Sincerely yours,