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RE: Scorecard advisory on Jackson Amendment (#377) to NDAA

Dear Representative:

The House is expected to continue consideration of H.R. 2670, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024. A vote is expected on an amendment from Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-Texas) to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to elective abortion.

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) urges you to support the Jackson Amendment and intends to include the roll call on the amendment in its scorecard of key pro-life votes of the 118th Congress.

Federal law (10 U.S.C. § 1093) has long prevented the Department of Defense (DOD) from using funds to perform elective abortions and prevented the DOD from using its facilities to provide abortions. On October 20, 2022, the Biden Administration's DOD published a [memorandum](#) directing the DOD to pay the travel and transportation costs for military members and dependents to travel to obtain elective abortions.

The federal prohibition against DOD funding elective abortion clearly extends to funding for any item related to the abortion, such as travel and transportation, which has been the case for the entire life of the funding prohibition.

The amendment would:

- Explain that federal law ([10 U.S.C. § 1093](#)) prevents DOD funding from being used to perform elective abortions and prohibits DOD facilities from being used to provide abortions.
- Repeal the October 20, 2022 memorandum.
- Amend federal law to clarify that the DOD may not pay for the licensure of health-care professionals in a state if the purpose is to provide abortions.

For the above reasons, the National Right to Life Committee urges you to support the Jackson Amendment. NRLC intends to include the roll call on the Jackson Amendment in its scorecard of key pro-life votes of the 118th Congress.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at (202) 378-8863, or via e-mail at jpopik@nrlc.org. Thank you for your consideration of NRLC's position on this important legislation.

Defending Life in America Since 1968

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Carol Tobias in blue ink.

Carol Tobias
President

Handwritten signature of Scott Fischbach in blue ink.

Scott Fischbach
Executive Director

Handwritten signature of Jennifer Popik in blue ink.

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