

July 14, 2023

(202) 378-8863

RE: Letter in Support of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2024

Dear Representative:

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

***The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) strongly supports the inclusion of the language of the Jackson Amendment and intends to include roll call vote(s) on passage of the NDAA in our scorecard of key right-to-life roll calls 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 who 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.

As amended, the NDAA:

- Explains 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.
- Repeals the October 20, 2022 memorandum.
- Amends 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 intends to include roll call vote(s) on passage of the NDAA in our scorecard of key right-to-life roll calls of the 118th Congress.**

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

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.

Jennifer Popik, J.D.  
Legislative Director