

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

November 2, 2005

The President  
The White House  
1500 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

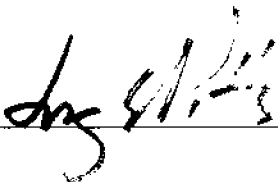
We write to encourage you to include a veto threat in your Statement of Administration Policy on the Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations bill (H.R. 3010), if the final legislation does not include the Hyde/Weldon Conscience Protection Amendment as it stands in current law.

This amendment, with your strong support, was first enacted into law as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act last year. It prohibits the federal government, and state and local governments that receive funding under the Labor/HHS appropriations bill, from discriminating against health care providers that decline to participate in abortion. This amendment is of critical importance to us and our constituents, and especially to faith-based health care providers (though the vast majority of all health care providers do not perform abortions).

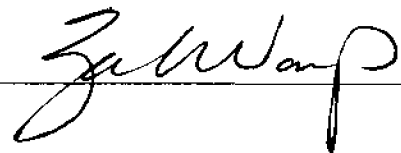
This year the current law was retained by the House of Representatives without change. It has also survived a legal challenge in a federal district court. Unfortunately, the Senate has approved the Labor/HHS/Education bill with alternate language that effectively nullifies this law's protections in a number of ways.

When House and Senate conferees convene to resolve the differences in the bill, we sincerely hope that your Administration will once again take a stand in support of the Hyde/Weldon Conscience Protection Amendment. Please let the conferees know that you will veto the Labor/HHS/Education appropriations bill if it does not include protections for conscience rights as they exist in current law.

Sincerely,



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Conscience Protections for Health Care Entities in FY2006 LHHS  
Appropriations Act**

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