

## **Pro-life voters are being duped**

This morning I saw Congressman Bart Stupak (D-MI) on FOXNews say something inaccurate about ObamaCare and Mr. Stupak's amendment to HR 3962. Congressman Stupak called Obama's health care proposal unacceptable because for the first time in America federal dollars would go to funding abortion. Mr. Stupak also said that his amendment does not allow any federal dollars to be spent on abortion, "period."

Congressman, you are either being dishonest, disingenuous, or deceitful.

Since 1976 with the passing of the Hyde Amendment, federal dollars have indeed paid for abortions. The Hyde Amendment currently states:

SEC. 508. (a) The limitation established in the preceding section shall not apply to an abortion-

- (1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest; or
- (2) in the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

The Stupak amendment states:

### **SEC. 265. LIMITATION ON ABORTION FUNDING.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—No funds authorized or appropriated by this Act (or an amendment made by this Act) may be used to pay for any abortion or to cover any part of the costs of any health plan that includes coverage of abortion, except in the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, or unless the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest.

So if an abortion doctor certifies that an expectant mother will be in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, federal dollars will indeed pay for an abortion. In fact, in 2006 the Guttmacher Institute [reports](#) that \$183,000 federal dollars paid for 191 abortions. That may seem like a small number unless you are one of the 191 dead babies.

Pro-life voters have long been sold a lie by alleged pro-family/life organizations such as the Family Research Council, Focus on the Family, the National Right to Life, the American Center for Law and Justice, and the Susan B. Anthony List, to name just a few. Each of these organizations supports both the Stupak and Senator Ben Nelson amendments that continue the heinous Hyde Amendment.

Perhaps an expansion of the term pro-life is in order. It now seems there are two categories to pro-life: pro-life always and pro-life except.

Pro-life always opposes abortion for any reason; no exceptions. Pro-life except opposes abortion "except in the case where a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, or unless the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest."

Count me as pro-life always.