

BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT MINORITY HEARING

HEARING BACKGROUND:

House Republican Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.), Rep. Ann Wagner (R-Mo.), and Pro-Life Caucus Chair Chris Smith (R-N.J.) announced a hearing on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, featuring expert witnesses on abortion procedures and abortion statistics.

Republicans have spent months asking House Democrats to take up legislation protecting babies born alive during an abortion. Since Democrats have consistently refused to acknowledge or address the dangers faced by abortion survivors, Republicans are holding a hearing to discern the facts and educate the public on the desperate need for legal and medical protections for these most vulnerable members of our society.

BACKGROUND ON THE BORN ALIVE ACT:

- Requires that health care practitioners who are present at the live birth exercise skill, care, and diligence to preserve the life and health of the child—the same degree of care that would be offered to any other child born prematurely the same gestational age. After those efforts, the health care workers must transport and admit the child to a hospital.
- Requires health care practitioners and employees to report violations to law enforcement authorities, reducing the number of born-alive abortions that go unreported.
- Penalizes the intentional killing of a born-alive child through fines or up to 5 years imprisonment.
- Gives the mother of the abortion survivor a civil cause of action and protection from prosecution, recognizing that women are the second victims of abortion and promoting the dignity of motherhood.

SHORTCOMINGS IN CURRENT LAW:

- The 2002 born-alive law recognized infants born during an abortion as “persons” but did not require abortionists and health care professionals to treat the born-alive infant with the same degree of care given to any other baby. Infants born alive during an abortion can die by direct homicide, as in the case of Kermit Gosnell, or be left to die.
- Any newborn child, wanted or not, has a right to proper medical care. The Born Alive Act is desperately needed as 24 states lack protection for born-alive infants. Legislatures in states like New York, Virginia, Illinois, and Vermont have moved to legalize late-term abortions and repeal born alive protections.

BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT DIGITAL RESOURCES

HEARING LIVESTREAM: <https://www.republicanwhip.gov/endinfanticide/>

SAMPLE TWEETS:

The #BornAlive Abortion Survivors Protection Act would provide lifesaving medical care for babies born alive. It's time for Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats to #LetUsVote.

House Democrats have blocked Republican attempts 81 times to protect babies born alive. That's 81 times House Dems' have endorsed infanticide and put their radical liberal agenda over doing the right thing. #EndInfanticide

For 7 months, Republicans have asked for an up-or-down vote on the Born Alive Act, but House Dems have blocked a vote on this commonsense legislation. Why do Dems continue to object to protecting children from infanticide?

Republicans and Democrats agree: newborns who survive an abortion deserve lifesaving care. This is not a difficult or partisan issue, but House Dems refuse to protect human life.

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