

Partial Birth & Late-term Abortions HB 76

I DO NOT SUPPORT FORCED TAXPAYER FUNDING OF LATE-TERM ABORTIONS IN NM

- Sending women to cheap hotels to deliver a dead or alive baby into a toilet is not healthcare – no matter what opponents of HB76 say.
- According to Planned Parenthood's Guttmacher Institute, the ***majority of late-term abortions are elective***, for reasons like relationship and financial problems or didn't know they were pregnant. There are better solutions for women.
- NM statute 30-18-15 requires humane extermination of animals, and prohibits intra cardiac injection on a conscious animal—the same procedure is used to ***cruelly and inhumanely end the life of a human being during a late-term abortion.***
- Why is intra cardiac injection inhumane for animals and not for a viable, living, innocent human being
- The late-term abortion provider in NM is facing criminal charges for violating women's rights and the law. I do not want my taxpayer dollars funding this.
- NM has the highest percentage of late-term abortions in the country- according to the CDC, 5 times the national average.
- 42 states have protections in place limiting abortion after viability of the unborn baby.
- 98% of governments across the world have banned the practice of abortion to the day of birth—except for countries like China and North Korea.
- 80% of Americans agree with limiting abortion after 3rd trimester and 69% after 2nd trimester.
- Forced taxpayer funding of late term abortions must end. NM Taxpayers are charged \$8,000 - \$16,000 per late-term abortion, which is not health care.
- **LATE TERM ABORTION IS NEITHER SAFE NOR RARE- MAJORITY ARE ELECTIVE**
- Late-term abortions are used to terminate the lives of babies with down syndrome: 95% of down babies are aborted, after 20 weeks.

ABORTION EXTREMELY DANGEROUS FOR WOMEN: AFTER 16 WEEKS MORE DANGEROUS THAN NATURAL BIRTH

- At 21 weeks or more, a woman is 91 times more likely to die from abortion than she was in the first trimester- *OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY* 103(4):729 (2004).
- Late-term abortion is a 3-7 day risk-intensive procedure
- At least 3 women have died at a Southwestern Women's Options late-term abortion clinic.
- Hotel rooms are not outfitted for medical emergencies nor should they be acting as an outpatient clinic-- women instructed to deliver 27 week baby into hotel toilet by Southwestern Women's Options nurse.

LATE-TERM ABORTION IS NEVER COMPASSIONATE

- Inhumane treatment of a viable human being
- Fetal abnormality testing is often inaccurate
- Prenatal genetic screening tests are not regulated by FDA and oversold by drug companies:
- Fetal abnormality testing promotes disability discrimination
- Babies who will not live long- natural death is more compassionate to both parents and child