

## **Oppose the Dangerous and Misleading “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act”**

H.R. 3, also known as the “No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act,” is a dangerous and misleading bill that imposes a crippling tax penalty on millions of families if their insurance plans include coverage of abortion and threatens to take away coverage for abortion that millions of women already have.

**H.R. 3 Would Raise Taxes on Potentially Millions of Individuals and Small Businesses that Keep the Insurance Plans They Currently Have.** Right now, most insurance plans include coverage of abortion. If this bill were enacted, those that are subject to the tax penalties levied under H.R. 3 will face significant increased costs just for keeping the comprehensive insurance coverage they currently have. For example,

- Right now, a restaurant with forty half-time employees, wages totaling \$500,000, and \$240,000 per year in health care costs will be eligible for the Small Business Health Tax Credit. If the restaurant’s health insurance plan includes coverage of abortion, H.R. 3 would increase the restaurant’s taxes by \$28,000.
- When a local manufacturing plant closed, a father of three working as an assembly lineman became eligible for certain federal support, including help paying for his monthly insurance premium through the Health Coverage Tax Credit. Because his insurance plan includes coverage of abortion, however—even though he never knew about this coverage and no one in his family ever used it—H.R. 3 would cost him more than \$11,000.

**H.R. 3 Could Shut Down the Private Market for Insurance Coverage that Includes Abortion, Even Though the Coverage Is Paid for with Private Funds.** By imposing tax penalties on certain individuals and employers, H.R. 3 could force individuals and employers to drop abortion from their health insurance plans, leaving millions without abortion coverage and taking away a critical benefit that many people currently have. This is true even for families that pay the costs of the premiums entirely out of their own pockets.

**H.R. 3 Would Make Dangerous Restrictions on Abortion Coverage Permanent.** H.R. 3 makes permanent restrictions on abortion coverage for the tens of millions of women who depend on the government for their health care, even when an abortion is necessary to protect her health. These harmful restrictions particularly burden low-income women for whom coverage bans present insurmountable barriers to obtaining abortion care.

**H.R. 3 Even Prevents Some Rape Survivors from Obtaining Insurance Coverage for Abortion.** H.R. 3 narrows the long-standing exception that allows federal funding for abortion in cases where a woman is a victim of rape by requiring the woman to prove that the rape was “forcible” before she can obtain coverage. This offensive change could deny coverage to many victims of rape, including women who say no to sex but are ignored, victims of statutory rape, women who are forced to have sex by some types of threat or coercion, and others.