WASHINGTON– Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) today voted in favor of H.R. 358, the Protect Life Act, of which he is a cosponsor. The bill, offered by Rep. Joe Pitts (R-PA), would amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) to prevent federal funding for abortion or abortion coverage through any program authorized by the health care law.

The bill will also protect the right of conscience for health care professionals by ensuring private insurance companies are not mandated to cover abortions. The bill allows for some exemptions, including when the mother's life is in danger.

"Federal dollars should never be used to pay for abortion coverage. Unfortunately, last year's misguided health care law contains loopholes and ambiguities which open the door to allow taxpayer subsidies for coverage that includes abortion. Today we took an important first step to closing that door," Terry said.