



***I believe our Constitution protects the rights of all individuals, born and unborn.***

When I took the oath of office I swore to uphold the Constitution, and protect and defend the rights of all Americans. Our Founding Fathers individually listed three of our most precious rights in the Declaration of Independence that we must protect - life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This includes the rights of our society's most vulnerable citizens, the unborn. I believe life begins at conception. I have always been a strong advocate for pro-life policies and believe in the sanctity of life. I oppose any legislation that would allow for the destruction of human life.

This Congress I have supported and voted for several pieces of legislation that will strengthen the right to life. Some of these bills include:

- [&nbsp;H.R. 3 - the No Tax Payer Funding for Abortion Act](#) - I was an original co-sponsor of H.R. 3 and was proud to vote for it. This bill does exactly what the title implies - it prohibits any taxpayer dollars from being used to fund abortions.

- [H.R. 212 - the Sanctity of Human Life Act](#) - I signed on as an original co-sponsor of H.R. 212 because this bill coincides with my belief that life begins at conception. H.R. 212 would put into law that life begins at conception and declares that at that time all of the legal and constitutional protections of personhood apply.

- [H.R. 217 - the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act](#) - I am an original co-sponsor of this bill because it prohibits any federal funds from going to any entity unless it certifies that it will not provide abortions, or provide funds to any other organization that provides abortions.
- [H.R. 358 - the Protect Life Act](#) - I was an original co-sponsor of this bill and proudly voted for it because it will bar federal funds from being used to cover any part of the costs of a health plan that includes abortion coverage. Currently, federal funds are allowed to go to health plans that cover abortion as long as they are kept separate from the abortion services.
- [H.R. 361 - the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act](#) - I am one of the original co-sponsors of this bill because it will prohibit any health service providers from being discriminated against because they refuse to provide abortions.
- [H.R. 374 - the Life at Conception Act](#) - This bill states that life begins at conception.
- [H.R. 2299 - the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act](#) - I signed on to this bill as an original co-sponsor because it makes it illegal to transport a minor across state lines to receive an abortion.
- [H.R. 3803 - the District of Columbia Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act](#) - I decided to be one of the original co-sponsors of this bill because it makes it illegal for abortions to be performed in the District of Columbia more than 20 weeks after conception.

[Read my letter to Speaker Boehner calling on him to bring H.R. 3803 to the floor for a vote.](#)