

# ABORTION EXTREMISM

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## “The Reproductive Health Act” and the “Freedom of Choice Act”

**A**t both the state and federal levels, we face unprecedented attacks on human life. Action is needed to defeat two radical proposals promoting abortion-on-demand: the “Freedom of Choice Act” (FOCA) in Congress, and the New York State bill called the “Reproductive Health Act” (previously known as (RHAPP)).

- **RHAPP and FOCA go far beyond *Roe v. Wade* and would declare a “fundamental right” to abortion.** They would elevate that right to a level equal to such rights as free speech and the right to vote, and permit absolutely no interference with that right.
- **RHAPP and FOCA would prohibit a broad range of common-sense regulations,** including parental notification, clinic regulations, waiting periods, bans on partial-birth abortion and later-term abortions.
- **RHAPP and FOCA would coerce all Americans into subsidizing and promoting abortion with their tax dollars.** The federal Hyde Amendment restricting federal Medicaid funding of abortions would be eliminated.
- **RHAPP and FOCA would threaten freedom of conscience** of doctors, nurses and health care workers whose personal convictions do not permit them to cooperate in abortion.
- **RHAPP and FOCA would threaten Catholic health care institutions, social service agencies and schools.** Government regulatory agencies could deny licenses, funding, or other benefits to hospitals that choose not to promote abortion. They could force all social service agencies to counsel for abortion, all schools to refer for abortion and all insurance plans to cover abortion.
- **RHAPP would allow unqualified medical professionals to perform abortions.** It would eliminate the current law that permits only a physician to perform an abortion, and instead would allow any “health care practitioner” (like nurses, nurse practitioners, midwives, and others) to do it.
- **RHAPP and FOCA would jeopardize any program that encourages pregnant women to bring their babies to term.** Any government program that promotes childbirth and alternatives to abortion, such as New York’s Prenatal Care Assistance Program, could be ruled “discriminatory”, and forced to promote and pay for abortions.

Please contact your elected officials using the contact information on the following page to help stop these radical proposals from becoming law.

## TAKE ACTION NOW.

### Oppose RHAPP

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Use the postcards provided to your parish to make your voice heard.

You can also identify and contact your state officials today by going to [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org). Click the "Take Action Now!" button and click the alert under "Extreme Abortion Proposal" to find a pre-written message. Remember that the most effective emails are ones that you personalize, so please feel free to edit the suggested message. Then, email it, or print it out and mail it to the following addresses:

Honorable David A. Paterson  
Governor  
State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
New York State Senate  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, NY 12247

Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
New York State Assembly  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, NY 12248

You can also call your State Senator at 518-455-2800, Assembly representative at 518-455-4100, and Governor Paterson at 518-474-8390

For more resources on RHAPP, including a video presentation, flyers and more, go to <http://www.flrl.org/PublicPolicy.htm>, or to [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org).

### Oppose FOCA

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You can also identify your U.S. Congressional representatives at [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org) by clicking on "Find Elected Officials". You can send an email message to your representatives by going to [www.nchla.org](http://www.nchla.org), and clicking on "Email Congress", or you can copy the text of the email message, personalize it and mail it to:

Honorable Charles Schumer  
United States Senator  
313 Hart Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senator  
531 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
United States House of Representatives  
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Washington, DC 20515

You can also call your Congressional representative and two U.S. Senators at 202-224-3121.

For more resources on FOCA, go to:  
<http://www.flrl.org/PublicPolicy.htm>,  
[www.nchla.org](http://www.nchla.org), or  
<http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/FOCA>