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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 78

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO DIRECT THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO  
ADOPT REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR LATE-  
TERM ABORTIONS USING THE PROCEDURE OF PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION.

WHEREAS, abortions are performed late in the second and in  
the third trimesters of a woman's pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, these procedures are known to have potentially  
serious consequences to the mother; and

WHEREAS, a part of these late-term abortions are performed  
using a procedure called "partial-birth abortion" in which a  
baby is partially delivered and then killed, after which the  
head of the dead baby is subsequently removed from the mother's  
body in a manner potentially injurious to the mother; and

WHEREAS, the procedure described does not fulfill a  
legitimate interest of government in safeguarding health,

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1 maintaining medical standards and protecting life; and

2 WHEREAS, this procedure is abhorrent to persons who value  
3 human life and believe the government at every level should  
4 recognize this belief and take positive steps to prevent  
5 subversion of this value system without regard to individuals'  
6 opinions and strongly held views on the subject of abortion  
7 generally; and

8 WHEREAS, it is repugnant to the vast majority of the  
9 citizens of New Mexico that public funds may be used to pay for  
10 the procedure described;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor exercise his executive  
13 authority and direct the human services department to develop  
14 and adopt a regulation prohibiting the use of any state funds to  
15 purchase abortions services involving the use of the partial  
16 birth abortion procedure; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
18 forthwith delivered to the governor and to the secretary of  
19 human services.

# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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March 11, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE, to whom has  
been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the  
CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fred Luna, Chairman

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 9 For 2 Against

Yes: 9

No: Olguin, Varela

Excused: Getty, J. G. Taylor

Absent: None

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