



November 30, 2011

The Honorable
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator,

On behalf of Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee's (CWALAC) 500,000 members nationwide, I am writing you to ask you to oppose Senator Jeanne Shaheen's Amendment to the Department of Defense Authorization bill that forces taxpayers to foot the bill for abortions in the case of rape or incest. Instead of focusing on our national security at a time of war, this amendment simply serves as a political distraction.

Women already have access to abortions at a military facility in instances of rape or incest. However, American taxpayers have not been forced to pay for these abortions.

Pregnancies under such difficult circumstances need an extra measure of compassion and support. We need to remember that these women are victims of a heinous crime. But our priorities should be placed on preventing these crimes, punishing the perpetrators, and not covering up a crime by merely dealing with the physical consequences. Women deserve better than simply being given abortion as a "cure-all."

CWALAC opposes the Shaheen amendment and will score against this amendment in our annual scorecard.

Sincerely,

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