

Leading Medical Groups Oppose 20-Week Abortion Bans

Leading medical groups oppose 20-week bans that interfere with the patient-provider relationship and allow politicians to impose arbitrary restrictions on pregnancies

Doctors oppose these laws because they prevent healthcare providers from giving their patients the best health care possible in an individual situation.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists opposes 20-week abortion bans because they “are not based on sound science” and “attempt to prescribe how physicians should care for their patients.”

20-Week Bans Criminalize Doctors

Politicians shouldn't have the right to take options away from doctors in dangerous medical situations or prevent them from informing patients about all their health care options — and politicians certainly shouldn't be allowed to force a woman to carry a pregnancy to term with no chance of survival.

By imposing criminal penalties and allowing civil lawsuits to be brought against doctors, this bill threatens doctors for exercising their best medical judgment and providing the best care they can for women.

The American Medical Association “strongly condemn(s) any interference by the government or other third parties that causes a physician to compromise his or her medical judgment as to what information or treatment is in the best interest of the patient.”

Because these laws prevent doctors from giving their patients the best health care possible, leading medical organizations (like **Physicians for Reproductive Health** and the **American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists**) condemn them. 20-week bans could criminalize doctors with imprisonment, fines, or both for providing constitutionally protected care.