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Dear Member of Congress,

The Biden Administration has made it clear that they are looking for ways to skirt state and congressional laws that clearly protect the safety and health of women. The Biden Administration is now using the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out its radical abortion agenda by illegally forcing taxpayers to underwrite abortions at the VA. The U.S. Senate is expected to soon vote on S.J. Res. 10, which would nullify the VA's extreme abortion interim final rule under the Congressional Review Act. Family Policy Alliance strongly encourages members to vote in favor of S.J. Res. 10.

The VA issued this IFR in September 2022, following the historic *Dobbs* decision. The IFR, entitled *Reproductive Health Services*, allows for abortions at the VA for veterans and their dependents. However, the VA is explicitly *not* allowed to provide abortions under Section 106 of the *Veterans Health Care Act of 1992*, which plainly states that abortions are not to be considered a part of reproductive health care provided at the VA. The administration is using the VA to go around Congress and its intent to serve the health care needs of veterans. Congress was clear that abortion is not healthcare. Additionally, there are grave concerns about the conscience protections of employees and medical doctors who would be required to facilitate any part of or assisting in the actual abortion procedures that electively end the life of a preborn human being.

Women and their unborn children deserve better health care. The VA should be busy finding ways to support veteran moms toward their decision to carry and raise a child, instead of quickly resolving the "solution" to a pregnancy is to offer ending the life of the child at taxpayer expense. Family Policy Alliance thanks Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) for leading this effort and encourages U.S. Senators to vote in favor of S.J. Res. 10 and overturn the Biden Administration's attempts to implement its extreme abortion agenda.

Thank you, Ruth Ward Director, Government Affairs Family Policy Alliance

