

January 26, 2015

The Honorable Justin Amash  
United States House of Representatives  
114 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-2203

Dear Representative Amash:

I attended the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, January 22, 2015. Upon returning to my lodging after the March, I learned that Republican leaders of the House had pulled the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act from the day's voting docket. This flamboyant display of cowardice precipitated a great deal of frustration and spite toward the political party I have called my home until today, and it now animates a political vendetta toward Congressional Republicans in general and House leadership in particular, with special places of honor for Rep. Jackie Walorski & Rep Renee Ellmers.

I am unapologetically intransigent in my beliefs regarding the protection of life, and while I am not a single issue voter, the singular issue of abortion support will disqualify a candidate from my consideration. Republicans had a chance last week to strike a blow for protection of the unborn, a blow that was a political godsend, that carries approval of a supermajority of voters – and Republicans caved to vague internecine threats. We voters installed Republican majorities in Congress to halt the leftward march of our political system, and you – all the Republicans in the House – have betrayed us on the singularly fundamental issue that sets us apart from our liberal counterparts: The value of human life.

The duplicity and moral pusillanimity that Republicans displayed in pulling the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act is beyond the pale for this voter. From every thoughtful perspective, the lives of unborn children are lives that deserve legal protection. I have been content to vote my conscience on this matter in my own district without interfering in other races; no more. While I have donated time to political campaigns - even canvassing for Rep. Amash in his second election – I have never donated cash to any candidate. That changes today: I commit to supporting every primary challenger to Representatives Walorski and Ellmers, and to supporting their **Democrat** opponents if either (or both) sitting Representative prevails in her primary. I am also committing whatever ever pressure and leverage I can muster to ousting Speaker Boehner and his leadership team for their many instances of perfidy and blatant deception of the American electorate, as well as innumerable instances of exercising just plain bad judgment.

In closing, note my reference above to “the political party I have called home until today.” I visited my county clerk this morning and changed my political affiliation from “Republican” to “Unaffiliated.” While Republican treachery on issues like immigration, CROmnibus, and a host of other issues contributed to this divorce, you may directly attribute my action to the Republican decision to pull the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act from the vote scheduled for January 22, 2015, and you may give individual thanks to Reps. Walorski, Ellmers, and Speaker Boehner and his leadership team.

Respectfully,