



August 10, 2022

Representative

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of Family Research Council (FRC) and the thousands of families we represent, I urge you to oppose the *Inflation Reduction Act of 2022* (Schumer Amendment # 5194 to H.R. 5376), more aptly titled the “Inflation Expansion Act.” This \$728 billion partisan spending package seeks to increase taxes on middle-class Americans in order to increase taxpayer funding of healthcare plans that pay for abortion. FRC will score against this partisan bill.

If passed, this bill would be the first major expansion of taxpayer-funded abortion since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June. Since it was first passed in 2010, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) directly appropriates taxpayer funds to subsidize healthcare plans that cover abortion, deviating from the bipartisan consensus not to use taxpayer funding for abortions first established by the Hyde Amendment in 1976. Then, the *American Rescue Plan Act* passed last year by congressional Democrats used the same partisan reconciliation process to include a massive expansion in premium tax credits to pay for ACA plans that cover abortion.

This bill includes \$64 billion to expand the ACA subsidies for another three years through 2025. In 2021, an estimated 2.4 million people received a total of \$12.5 billion of taxpayer money in the form of

advanceable premium tax credits for plans that cover abortion on demand. Since this expansion includes additional subsidies for already eligible households and expands the subsidy to cover households with incomes over 400 percent of the poverty level, the amount of taxpayer subsidies covering abortion plans will only increase.

This bill also includes \$80 billion to supercharge IRS enforcement. These audits are purportedly designed to bring in more tax revenue to offset the massive spending for healthcare plans that cover abortion, but the IRS now has a track record of allegations of weaponizing audits, the nonprofit review process, and other enforcement mechanisms in order to discriminate against conservative and faith-based groups. Just last week, House Democrats renewed that attack on conservative organizations in a letter to the IRS commissioner and the secretary of the Treasury Department, pressuring the IRS to investigate FRC's nonprofit status based on misinformation. As the House Ways and Means minority members have pointed out, conservative organizations and individuals have ample reason to suspect that IRS enforcement is not administered fairly.

As inflation and energy prices continue to soar, hurting American families the most, Congress should focus on reducing government spending, not increasing taxes to pay for abortion plans. For these reasons, FRC will score against the *Inflation Reduction Act*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Quena González', written in a cursive style.

Quena González

Senior Director of Government Affairs