



February 22, 2019

The Honorable Ben Sasse  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Sasse:

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents 131,400 family physicians and medical students across the country, I write to voice our opposition to the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* (S. 311).

The AAFP strongly supports the practice of evidence-based medicine and the rights of all patients to access legal and medically appropriate care independent of government interference. Furthermore, we strongly oppose efforts that seek to criminalize physician performance of a legal and medically appropriate procedure. The *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act* would, if enacted, violate this standard by requiring physicians to provide emergency and resuscitative care that is not medically-indicated and against the parent's wishes. This legislation would impose an unprecedented level of legislative interference in the patient-physician relationship and will create a detrimental effect for physicians who wish to practice medicine that is consistent with medical ethics and their conscience and professional training.

Again, we are opposed to the *Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protections Act*. For more information, please contact Sonya Clay, Government Relations Representative, at 202-232-9033.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Munger, MD, FAAFP  
Board Chair

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