

**Quote from Rep. John Flemming (R-LA) – Press conference, 7-22-09**

“As a father, a physician and a Member of Congress, I want to be very clear about this – the taking of innocent life is *not* health care. Without specific provisions to prevent government funded abortions, we will be facing a de facto mandate that will drastically increase the number of abortions performed throughout this country.”

“As it stands now, H.R. 3200, the Democratic leadership’s proposed health reform bill, would move to require insurance premium payers to pay for abortion. There will be certain certification requirements that must be met and this will lead to towns that do not have abortion clinics being forced to provide this ‘convenience.’ When killing innocent babies equals a convenience in this country, it is time to stop, slow down, and change course. We must exclude abortion from taxpayer funding.”