

**"THE FIRST THING I'D DO AS PRESIDENT
IS SIGN THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT.
THAT'S THE FIRST THING I'D DO."
-BARACK OBAMA**

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) would nullify over 550 federal and state laws. Among these, common-sense, protective laws supported by a majority of Americans, such as:

- Informed consent laws -- requirements that women be given information about the risks of getting an abortion
<http://abort73.com/HTML/I-G-1a-uterine.html>
<http://abort73.com/HTML/I-G-1b-complications.html>
http://abort73.com/HTML/I-G-1c-breast_cancer.html
<http://abort73.com/HTML/I-G-1d-death.html>
- Parental consent and notification laws -- parents must be informed and give consent to their minor daughter's abortion
<http://www.fightfoca.com/open-letter/>
- Health and safety regulations for abortion clinics
- Requirements that only licensed physicians perform abortions
- Bans on partial-birth abortion
<http://abort73.com/HTML/I-A-3-techniques.html>
- "Delayed enforcement" laws (banning abortion when Roe v. Wade is overturned and/or the authority to restrict abortion is returned to the states)
- Bans on abortion after viability. FOCA's apparent attempt to limit post-viability abortions is illusory. Under FOCA, post-viability abortions are expressly permitted to protect the woman's "health." Within the context of abortion, "health" has been interpreted so broadly that FOCA would not actually proscribe any abortion before or after viability.
- Limits on public funding for elective abortions (thus, making American taxpayers fund a procedure that many find morally objectionable)
- Limits on the use of public facilities (such as public hospitals and medical schools at state universities) for abortions
- Restrictions on abortions performed at military hospitals
- State and federal legal protections for individual healthcare providers who decline to participate in abortions
- Legal protections for Catholic and other religiously-affiliated hospitals who, while providing care to millions of poor and uninsured Americans, refuse to allow abortions within their facilities
<http://www.lifenews.com/nat4568.html>

FOCA would remove *every restriction* on abortion nationwide and would prevent states from enacting similar protective measures in the future.

Sources: <http://www.aul.org/foca>, <http://www.fightfoca.com>

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"Clearly FOCA will not make abortion safe or rare – on the contrary, it will actively promote abortion and do nothing to ensure its safety – so, abortion advocates' unrelenting campaign to enact FOCA is a "wake-up call" to all Americans. If implemented, FOCA would invalidate common-sense, protective laws that the majority of Americans support.

IT WILL NOT PROTECT OR EMPOWER WOMEN.

Instead, it would protect and promote the abortion industry, sacrifice women and their health to a radical political ideology, and silence the voices of everyday Americans who want to engage in a meaningful public discussion over the availability, safety, and even desirability of abortion."

Source: <http://www.aul.org/foca>

"FOCA would automatically overturn state abortion reporting requirements in all 50 states, 44 states' laws concerning parental involvement, 40 states' laws on restricting later-term abortions, 46 states' conscience protection laws for individual health care providers, 27 states' conscience protection laws for institutions, 38 states' bans on partial-birth abortions, 33 states' laws on requiring counseling before an abortion, and 16 states' laws concerning ultrasounds before an abortion."

Source: <http://www.frc.org/papers/focus-on-foca>

"[I]F FOCA IS PASSED IT WILL INCREASE ABORTIONS BY 125,000 MORE PER YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES."

Source: <http://www.lifenews.com/nat4359.html>



"FOCA seeks to eliminate any civil pro-life opposition in the public square:

'THE BILL WOULD GIVE WOMEN THE RIGHT TO FILE CIVIL SUITS AGAINST ANY PERSON OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT SOUGHT TO LIMIT THEIR ABILITY TO GET AN ABORTION.'

-MSNBC Briefing Book: Issues '08

Presumably this would not only include federal and state legislators who merely introduce legislation seeking restrictions on abortion but also against peaceful pro-lifers who pray and offer alternatives in front of abortion facilities."

Source: <http://www.frc.org/papers/focus-on-foca>