



# **Illinois Citizens for Ethics Political Action Committee**

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**J. Kevin Costello, Chairman**

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Dear State Representative,

I am writing to you on behalf of everyone at Illinois Citizens for Ethics to express our concern with HB 2354, The Reproductive Health and Access Act. We ask you to **vote "NO" on HB 2354**. This bill does not represent the views of a large majority of Illinois voters. Polls show that somewhere between 70%-90% of the public believe in common sense regulation of abortion. HB 2354 is simply an abortion industry special interest bill. Let me mention the primary reasons that ICE-PAC opposes this bill:

1 - We do not believe that a minor girl under the age of 18 should undergo an abortion (which is a serious medical procedure) without notifying at least one parent or legal guardian. HB 2354 would repeal existing Illinois law requiring such notification, the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. This would be unfair to parents who need to protect their minor girls. It would also be very harmful to girls because it would leave them vulnerable to older males, such as sexual predators, who could coerce them into having abortions to conceal their relationships in the absence of protection from the minor girl's parents.

2 - We do not believe that abortion industry doctors should have special limitations on their medical malpractice liability nor should they be shielded from liability for any criminally reckless actions that harm women. The law should treat them like every other doctor.

3 - We do not believe that taxpayers should be forced to pay for abortions and we do not believe that government should coerce private hospitals to perform them, even if they receive government financial assistance. Their healthcare services to society are of sufficient benefit to warrant such assistance.

4 - We do not believe that health care professionals should be pressured to perform abortions or distribute the morning after pill, if they feel such acts violate their personal or religious conscience. HB 2354 would provide for ethical and religious discrimination against health care workers.

There are already plenty of places where abortion services and related drugs are readily available and private business can make accommodations for their employees and customers if they so choose. The abortion industry often claims that people have no right to impose their values on others. We think they should follow their own advice.

Please inform us of your position and your vote on this issue. Our committee and our members have a keen interest in this issue and its outcome and we will be looking forward to your response. Our contact information is given below.

Sincerely,

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