

I am in receipt of the letter from your office which follows. Please do not send me a form letter again, especially not one which shows that no one has read my original email..

Understand that my email was in opposition to eliminating money for programs which fund clinics (especially Planned Parenthood) which provide low income and under-insured women with cancer screening and access to family planning. I said nothing for or against abortion. And, at this juncture-after your response , I do not intend to tell you how I feel about that subject given that you or your staff would probably misunderstand again.

So is this clear enough :

DO NOT DEFUND programs which provide cancer screening and family planning services to low income and under-insured women.

DO NOT penalize in any way insurance companies who allow policies which include family planning

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Dear Cheryl:

Thank you for contacting me to express your thoughts on the issue of abortion. I share your opposition to abortion and welcome the opportunity to respond.

You may also be interested to know that Senator Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi) introduced S. 91, the Life at Conception Act, on January 25, 2011. This measure would declare that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution includes every human being. The bill would define "human being" to encompass all stages of life, including but not limited to the moment of fertilization or cloning. S. 91 currently awaits further consideration in the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

You may also be interested to know that Representative Christopher Smith (R-New Jersey) introduced H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, on January 20, 2011. This bill would prohibit the expenditure of federal funds for any abortion-related services. It would also eliminate abortion coverage from any federally funded health benefits. H.R. 3 currently awaits further consideration in the House Committee on the Judiciary; the House Committees on Energy and Commerce; and the House Committee on Ways and Means.

I am strongly committed to protecting the rights of the unborn. I shaped my position by the conviction that abortion is wrong and should be limited to cases of criminal rape, incest, or when the mother's life is in imminent danger. Life is a precious gift from God. Our devotion to fostering respect for human life from the moment of conception to natural death will benefit generations to come. As we educate our children about the dangers of abortion, we must also reach out to women who are pregnant and in need of help. Educating women on adoption and other support options can bring hope at what seems to be a desperate time. More than anything, these women need our compassion and prayers.

Thank you again for contacting me. Please do not hesitate to contact me on this or any other issue of concern to you. For more information about the issues before the U.S. Senate as well as news releases, photos, and other items of interest, please visit my Senate website, <http://crapo.senate.gov/>.

Sincerely,

Mike Crapo
United States Senator

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original email included this

I said something about it did not make sense to be mad at women for having babies and ending up on welfare but not be willing to fund family planning since that would be more cost effective. Then I included this boilerplate

"Title X is the nation's only program dedicated solely to providing family-planning care to low-income Americans. About 4,600 health centers receive Title X funds to provide non-abortion-related services, including birth control and cancer screenings, to approximately 5 million uninsured Americans each year. Federal funds do not pay for abortion services.

Please reject this proposal."

Now, tell me how did my very dense Senator or his very dense staff turn that into the response above talking about abortion. I didn't mention abortion. I was not talking about abortion. If this is the caliber of understanding we get when we write to our legislators we need to throw the bums out.

Unfortunately this is not the first time I've received a form letter from Crapo's office that didn't seem to quite jibe with what I wrote about-it's just the worst.