### **Overview**

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Schrier Was The First Voting Member Of Congress To Be A Female Doctor Elected To Congress. "For more than 17 years, Kim Schrier, MD, held what she considered to be the perfect job: pediatrician. But after the 2016 general election, when Republicans began trying to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, Schrier felt another calling. [...] Although she had virtually no political experience, Schrier, a Democrat from Sammamish who practiced at a Virginia Mason Medical Center clinic, decided to run in the 2018 mid-term elections for Washington's 8th Congressional District seat, long held by a Republican who eventually decided not to seek reelection. Schrier went on to win the Democratic nomination and defeat Republican Dino Rossi by a 52.4% to 47.6% margin. The 50-year-old Schrier, diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in her teens, is the first pediatrician and the second woman physician to serve in Congress. The first was Democrat Donna Christensen, MD, a nonvoting delegate from the Virgin Islands." [JAMA Network, 3/27/19]

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Schrier Said She Was Fighting To Ensure Everyone Has Access To The Reproductive Care They Needed. "I'm honored to have the endorsement of @PPact! As the only pro-choice woman doctor in Congress, I'm fighting to defend #RoevWade and ensure everyone has access to the reproductive care they need." [Dr. Kim Schrier, 12/16/21]



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The Life At Conception Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or Health Of The Mother. "H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and 'preborn' human person. 'Human person' is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to

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## Message #1

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The Life At Conception Act Would Ban Abortion Nationwide, Including In States Which Had Legal Protections For Abortion. "The Life at Conception Act is fewer than 300 words, but its language leaves little room for ambiguity on abortion. The bill, introduced in the U.S. House earlier in the congressional session, seeks 'equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person,' specifying that it covers 'all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.' Put simply: 'It would be a nationwide abortion ban,' said Mary Ziegler, a professor at UC Davis School of Law who studies reproductive rights. Even California, which has positioned itself as a haven for abortion rights, would be affected." [Los Angeles Times, 8/29/22]

The Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act Would Penalize Doctors Who Violated It With A Fine And/Or Up To Five Years In Prison. "(b) Penalties.— (1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever violates subsection (a) shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both." [Congress.gov, HR 26, Text, introduced 1/9/23]

• New York Times Headline: "House Passes Bill That Could Subject Some Abortion Doctors To Prosecution" [New York Times, 1/11/23]

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