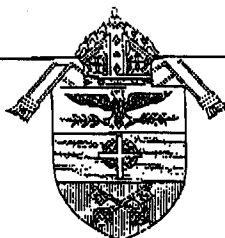


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Dear Member of Congress:

As one concerned with the moral well being of our Armed Services I write in regards to the National Defense Authorization Act FY 2008 (H.R. 1585).

Please oppose an amendment that may be offered by Rep. Michael Michaud to require all military hospitals to dispense so called "emergency contraception drugs." Such drugs, depending upon when a woman or girl takes them, may have the effect of interfering with the implantation of an already conceived human embryo. This fact about these drugs has caused a number of health care providers to raise serious conscientious objections to their provision. Our military health care providers should not be compelled to administer these drugs.

Military hospitals have an outstanding record of saving life, even in the most challenging times and conditions. Their commitment extends to the smallest of human beings. Please allow them to continue abiding by these values. Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin F. O'Brien".

Most Reverend Edwin F. O'Brien
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