

Rep. French Hill (AR-02)

Statement for the Record

Subject: Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act

Delivery Date: 10 September 2019

Mr./Madam Chair:

- Thank you for the opportunity to testify this afternoon.
- As a Catholic and as a pro-life Member of Congress, I believe in the need to value life and to be demonstrative of that belief.
- A “right to abortion” does not extend to children born alive during the course of an attempted abortion.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), each year, between 400 and 500 abortion live births occur in the United States.
- If a child survives an abortion, he or she should be treated with the same degree of medical concern and attention as any other child born prematurely at the same stage of development.
- Protecting these newborns is not only the moral and decent thing to do, it’s also important bipartisan policy and heavily supported across our Nation.
- 77% of all voters believe that children born alive during an attempted abortion deserve medical care.

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- That is why I am a proud cosponsor of this bill, and why, in April, I signed onto the petition introduced by Reps. Scalise and Wagner to bring this bill to the House Floor for a vote.
- There is a moral obligation to protect every life, no matter how small, and I remain committed to this fight.
- Americans have made it clear that they are repulsed by the statutes passed in Virginia and New York that have legalized infanticide.
- We face a morally defining moment as a nation where we must choose that, once born, every newborn life deserves love – and equal protection under the law.
- This is not about being pro-life or pro-choice.
- This is a critical opportunity for Republicans and Democrats to put aside partisan politics and declare in a united voice that we will defend the lives of the most vulnerable among us.
- Killing a baby born alive is infanticide.
- We should all be able to agree that, once born, every baby deserves protection.

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- I will continue to fight for the sanctity of every human life, and I call on Speaker Pelosi to support the will of the American people, fight to protect these newborns, and bring H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act, to the Floor for immediate consideration.