



NAPAWF Statement on the Defeat of the Nelson Amendment

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Success! Yesterday, an anti-abortion amendment introduced by Senators Nelson and Hatch was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 54-45. The Nelson amendment would have mirrored the Stupak amendment that passed in the House, banning abortion coverage in public and private insurance plans that receive federal funds. Thank you for sending the right message to our lawmakers: API women need abortion care, and we won't stand for health reform that ignores women's needs.

In particular, NAPAWF would like to thank those 16 Senators who spoke on the floor against the amendment. Those members are: Baucus (D-MT), Boxer (D-CA), Cardin (D-MD), Dodd (D-CT), Durbin (D-IL), Feinstein (D-CA), Franken (D-MN), Gillibrand (D-NY), Lautenberg (D-NJ), Menendez (D-NJ), Mikulski (D-MD), Murray (D-WA), Reid (D-NV), Shaheen (D-NH), Specter (D-PA), Stabenow (D-MI)

If you live in their state, please call to thank them! The Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 can connect you.

Our work is still not done--we need to make sure the anti-abortion Stupak language does not make it into the final health reform bill sent to the President. **Sign the petition reiterating that we will not stand for health care reform that makes women less healthy and less safe.** NAPAWF will continue to closely monitor developments in Congress and advocate for health reform that protects comprehensive reproductive health services for API women and girls.

In thanks and solidarity,

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