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H. R. 8378

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for travel expenses of any individual traveling across State lines for purposes of having an abortion, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 2022

Mr. CAWTHORN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Statutory Ter-
5 mination of Abortions from Taxpayer-funded Excursions
6 Lines Act” or the “Protect S.T.A.T.E. Lines Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR**
2 **TRAVEL EXPENSES OF INDIVIDUALS CROSS-**
3 **ING STATE LINES FOR AN ABORTION.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—No Federal funds may be obli-
5 gated or expended for the travel expenses of any individual
6 traveling across State lines for purposes of having an
7 abortion. In this subsection, the term “State” means any
8 of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and any terri-
9 tory or possession of the United States.

10 (b) **EXCEPTION.**—The limitation in subsection (a)
11 shall not apply to any travel expenses—

12 (1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of
13 rape or incest; or

14 (2) in the case where a woman suffers from a
15 physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness,
16 including a life-endangering physical condition
17 caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that
18 would, as certified by a physician, place the woman
19 in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.

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