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 **ESSENTIAL
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Here's what provoked me:

Abortion services are proclaimed as an essential element in women's health services. I think we need to have a debate about whether that's what's really happening. I raise the question because there have been approximately 60,000,000 elective abortions since Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973.

Here's my response:

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We read about "dangerous bills for women's health" or "limiting women's access to essential health care." Those objections usually relate to the abortion issue and most often reflect concern about losing taxpayer funding for Planned Parenthood's abortion services.

I would never deny any organization the right to provide medical services or any form of essential healthcare for women. My goal is try to make sure "sanctity of life" is given priority status in official public policy as well as in legislation.

Let's focus specifically on the topic of providing abortion services as a part of women's health services. I agree, there may be legitimate reasons for providing pregnancy termination services, and that's worthy of discussion. However, many of us bemoan primarily the "abortion on demand" services being provided. Those should be terminated, or at least isolated from other services and budgeted separately so that no public funding is involved.

Looking back over the time since Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973, there have been approximately 60,000,000 (yes that's "60 million") fetal deaths resulting from elective abortion. Could that really be a legitimate reflection of an essential women's health service? I think not!