

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House Health Insurance Committee

DATE: May 7, 2012

RE: SS SB 749

Following up on the discussion in the committee hearing on SS SB 749:

Attached you will find information regarding the statistics on increases in abortion when the use of contraception is increased. The correlation between increased sexual activity because men and women believe themselves to be “protected” leads to increased so called “unplanned pregnancies” and therefore the number of abortions increased. From these statistics, it seems that if you are “profiting” from abortion promoting the use of contraception to supposedly reduce the numbers of elective abortions would be a money advantage for the abortion industry.

Here are just some highlights of the attached studies:

Contraception, An International Reproductive Health Journal

Trends in the use of contraceptive methods and voluntary interruption of pregnancy in the Spanish population during 1997 – 2007.

Results: During the study period, 1997-2007, the overall use of contraceptive methods increased from 49.1% to 79.9%. The most commonly used method was the condom (an increase from 21% to 38.8%), followed by the pill (an increase from 14.2% to 20.3%). Female sterilization and IUDs decreased slightly and were used by less than 5% of women in 2007. **The elective abortion rate increased from 5.52 to 11.49 per 1000 women.**

The Guttmacher Institute - What Planned Parenthood Calls Their “former” Research Institute, is Still a Strong Advocate for Abortion - It is very difficult to believe that Planned Parenthood representatives would be unaware of this study.

The Relationship of Abortion to Trends in Contraception and Fertility I Brazil, Colombia and Mexico. International Family Planning Perspectives; Volume 23, Number 1, March 1997.

In their double speak here are some of their statements on the relationship between the increased use of contraception and abortion rates. Some of their reported results in Brazil and Colombia center in on only one year rather than the entire time of the study.

“Mexico appears to exhibit a more uniform pattern across states, whereby whenever contraceptive use is high, the abortion rate also is high.”

“We also calculated correlations between the abortion ratio and the four measures of contraceptive use, with states or departments as the unit of analysis. These analyses revealed positive and significant relationships between the abortion ratio and contraceptive use in both Colombia ($p=0.05$) and Mexico ($p=0.001$).”

“The results of (all) these analyses broadly support the hypothesis that abortion rates can rise as contraceptive use increases, but that they ultimately begin to stabilize and then decline. However, these patterns varied considerably both among countries and within countries.”

They did a good job of double speak in trying to explain away the actual truth that abortion numbers rise when the use of contraception is increased.

In another study, it is significant that the Guttmacher Institute itself found in a 2003 study that “levels of abortion and contraceptive use rose simultaneously” in six countries: Cuba, Denmark, the Netherlands, the United States, Singapore and the Republic of Korea.

Other Quotes:

“Nobel prize winner and liberal economist, George Akerlof, writing at the Quarterly Journal of Economics (published by the MIT Press), described the effect of contraceptives: more premarital sex, more fatherless children, more single mothers, and since the contraceptives sometimes fail, more abortions.”

Leaders of the abortion industry themselves have openly admitted the empirical link between contraception and abortion. Malcolm Potts, the first medical director of International Planned Parenthood: “As people turn to contraception, there will be a rise, not a fall, in the abortion rate.” Judith Bury, coordinator of Doctors for a Woman’s Choice on Abortion: “There is overwhelming evidence that...the provision of contraception leads to an increase in the abortion rate.”

In conclusion, there is no guarantee based on a woman’s cycle of life that the use of any contraceptive method will reduce the number of abortions. And, why would an industry that profits from performing abortions be so interested in the correlation of the use of contraceptives and abortion if not to continue to increase their profits. Food for thought.....