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The Honorable Bob Packwood
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
Room 259
Senate Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Packwood:

We understand that Senator Humphrey intends to introduce a bill to deny tax-exempt status to organizations that perform, finance or provide facilities for abortions. The bill would also deny income, estate and gift tax deductions for contributions to such organizations.

The Executive Committee of the New York State Bar Association Tax Section is opposed to this proposal. We are deeply concerned about use of the tax law to promote controversial social policies such as the social policy embodied in Senator Humphrey's proposal.

We strongly endorse the views expressed in the letter from former Treasury Department officials and others urging defeat of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Cohen,
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