

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I oppose the challenge to the President's veto of H.R. 1833. Whatever one's belief on abortion, the late-term procedure must be viewed separately, for this is a procedure to be used only as a last resort to save a woman's life or to avoid a devastating deterioration of her health. Late-term abortion is not about choice. It is about saving women from grave damage to their health, to their ability to bear children in the future, and from death. The President, and the medical community, have assured us that abuses of this procedure can be avoided. Regrettably, those voting to override this veto would apparently prefer to score political points than to heed those assurances. This is being done with indifference to women who face grave circumstances, and in disregard to the potential of this institution to render a serious policy determination on a matter of grave consequence.