

NPRC Statement on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

On April 14, an effort was launched in the U.S. House of Representatives to save the lives of newborn babies who have survived abortion. A discharge petition was introduced, in an effort to have a vote on [H.R. 619](#), the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which would increase protections for children who survive an abortion. This bill does not restrict abortion but simply protects those who survive it.

The discharge petition is a tool available to the minority party when the majority party leadership does not want to deal with a particular bill. If a majority of all House members indicate they want a vote, then the bill gets a vote.

If these men and women who were elected to Congress are not willing to even discuss a bill protecting babies born alive, what are they doing in public office?

Some babies do in fact survive abortion. One cause, for instance, is that in some late term abortion procedures the child may inadvertently slip out through the forcibly-dilated cervix before the abortionist reaches in to dismember or otherwise kill the child.

Nine states have laws that require reporting of children born alive after an abortion. These states have indicated 203 babies were born alive after an abortion.*

Once born, these children deserve equal protection under the law and an equal standard of care as any other baby born at the same stage. Instead, we continue to see babies left alone to die, or actively killed. Others survive and join the hundreds of men and women who comprise the Abortion Survivors Network.

No one claiming to have a conscience, much less claiming the name of Christ, can legitimately hold that babies born alive can be discarded like trash.

The National Pro-life Religious Council strongly encourages all citizens to call their representatives to encourage them to sign the discharge petition for the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. More details are available at the website www.BornAlive.US.

The National Pro-life Religious Council is a Christian coalition dedicated to the historic, Biblical teaching of Christianity on the sanctity of Life. See www.NPRCouncil.org.

* See list of state health reports on <https://downloads.frc.org/EF/EF19E62.pdf> starting on p.6.