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## Univ. of Alabama hospital using tax dollars for abortions

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Posted on **1/7/2008, 11:32:05 AM** by [Gopher Broke](#)

The group Alabama Alliance Against Abortion is protesting the use of taxpayer's dollars to fund abortions at a state university hospital.

The pro-life group frequently conducts Freedom of Information Act requests for state health department documents in order to monitor the state's abortion industry. Group director James Henderson says one of those queries recently paid off. He claims that it was mentioned in conversation that the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB) aborts babies up to the middle of the second trimester or 22 weeks.

"We had heard some rumors [to this fact], but this was the information that we needed. So we started to contact UAB," says Henderson.

The group then received a letter from Dr. Michael Waldrum -- the hospital's CEO -- confirming that doctors are allowed to end the life of an unborn child "when the physician has determined that the mother's life is in danger or the fetus is not viable."

But Henderson believes abortion is wrong in all cases, and finds it particularly repugnant that taxpayers are unknowingly paying for the procedure at UAB. When the legislature returns in February, Henderson promises to seek sponsors for a bill banning abortions at state-owned hospitals.

The pro-life activist has also contacted Alabama Governor Bob Riley for help, but has not yet received a response.

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**1** posted on **1/7/2008, 11:32:07 AM** by [Gopher Broke](#)

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**To: Gopher Broke**

“when the physician has determined that the mother’s life is in danger or the fetus is not viable.”

There are a lot of pro-life people who see nothing wrong with this except for the secrecy. Most of these pro-life activists are some of the most politically inept people.

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**2** posted on **1/7/2008, 11:41:08 AM** by [bahblahbah](#) (conservative confessional reformed evangelical yadda yadda yadda christian against huckamania)

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**To: Gopher Broke**

Wow. Mother’s live is in jeopardy or the fetus is not viable. That’s radical.

Susan

3 posted on 1/7/2008, 11:53:57 AM by rhetorica  
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To: **Gopher Broke**

I'd like to know exactly who the people are that are receiving these taxpayer paid services.

4 posted on 1/7/2008, 12:14:19 PM by VeniVidiVici (Jay Grodner stands accused of keying a Marine's car. He's also a lawyer.)  
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To: **bahblahbah**

What's to stop a doctor from CLAIMING that the mother's life is at stake, or the baby isn't viable?

5 posted on 1/7/2008, 1:57:05 PM by kitkat  
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To: **rhetorica**

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The problem is that "health" exceptions can be (and are) construed to be something as simple as the woman is having difficulty sleeping,, or she is "stressed" over money or any one of a thousand BS reasons to abort... the standard put forth by the university was not "life in jeopardy" as you stated... I would have absolutely no problem if the rule was "unavoidable immediate serious and irreparable harm; possibly death" but it isn't , it is merely "threatened" ,, have you read the warning label on an tylenol bottle ... taking an OTC pill is life "threatening" ... I put myself in a life threatening position everyday when I get in my car to drive to work yet we all do it... now if I had to jump the Snake River Canyon in a rocket bike on a daily basis to get to work THAT would be different.

6 posted on 1/7/2008, 2:42:53 PM by Neidermeyer  
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To: **Neidermeyer**

Well, but the whole point of this article is that even if it truly were life threatening to the mother, the abortion should not be performed. So explain to me how it is pro-life to let these women (and their unborn babies) die.

7 posted on 1/7/2008, 2:55:08 PM by rhetorica  
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To: **rhetorica**

I doubt that even James Henderson who instigated this report believes that... I have no problem with a state sponsored hospital performing a necessary abortion to save the mothers life ... I don't know the law in his state ... and the restrictions on funding... In my first reply I was responding to your take that seemed to be that just because a doctor says something that it's necessarily accurate and true.. After all we have 35 years of experience in watching the

abortionists/doctors claim whatever is necessary to get the result or approval they want...

8 posted on 1/7/2008, 3:20:53 PM by Neidermeyer

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To: Neidermeyer

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9 posted on 1/7/2008, 5:00:19 PM by rhetorica

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To: Neidermeyer

The Doctors at UAB are not running an abortion mill. I live in Alabama. I have known many women who have been faced with high risk pregnancies who go to UAB for their OB care. They perform many miracles in helping women to give birth when the outcomes look pretty grim. Unfortunately, I also know of a few who could not carry their babies to term. It broke the hearts of everyone involved—including the medical staff. I know how hard everyone at UAB works to care for these women and then for the preemies/special needs babies when they are born. I'll take the word of the Drs. at UAB over this Henderson hack anyday.

10 posted on 1/7/2008, 5:06:54 PM by rhetorica

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