

Abortion Survivor to Testify to Congress

Friday morning, the House Subcommittee on the Constitution was scheduled to hold a hearing to discuss the Hyde Amendment and the Born Alive Abortion Survivor Protection Act.

The Hyde Amendment prohibits the use of taxpayer money to fund abortion. The Born Alive Act is meant to protect the lives of children who are born alive as the result of a “botched” abortion.

The hearing, which was set to begin at 9 a.m. EDT, featured the following witnesses:

Gianna Jessen—was born, and developed cerebral palsy, as the result of a failed saline abortion performed on a 17-year-old girl who was 30 weeks pregnant.

Genevieve Plaster—a senior policy analyst with the Charlotte Lozier Institute, which is the education and research arm of the Susan B. Anthony List.

Arina Grossu—the director of the Family Research Council’s Center for Human Dignity, where she focuses on sanctity of human life issues ranging from conception to natural death.

Kierra Johnson—the executive director of Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equality, a “justice focused pro-choice organization” that works to mobilize college students, will testify on behalf of the Democratic minority.

Subcommittee Chairman Trent Franks (R-Ariz.) issued a statement regarding the hearing on Thursday afternoon:

“The Born Alive Abortion Survivor Protection Act protects little children who have been born alive. No one can obscure the humanity and the personhood of these little born alive

babies.

"The abortion industry labored all these decades to convince the world that unborn children and born children should be completely separated in our minds, that while born children are persons worthy of protection, unborn children are not persons and are not worthy of protection.

"Now opponents of this bill are trying to join born children and unborn children back together again and convince all of us to condemn them both as inhuman and not worthy of protection after all. To anyone who has not invincibly hardened their heart and soul, an honest consideration of this absurd inconsistency is profoundly enlightening."