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The Honorable George Holding
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Dear Congressman Holding:

National Right to Life, the federation of state right-to-life organizations, is pleased to endorse you for re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives, to represent the 2nd Congressional District of North Carolina. We strongly commend you for maintaining a 100 percent pro-life voting record during your years of service in the House of Representatives. Notably, during the current Congress, you co-sponsored and consistently supported the *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act* (H.R. 36), landmark legislation to protect unborn children at 20 weeks (i.e, after the fifth month), a point by which the unborn child is capable of experiencing great pain when being killed by dismemberment or other late abortion methods.

Your record on this legislation contrasts sharply with the words and actions of your likely primary opponent, Rep. Renee Ellmers. There is no member of Congress in recent memory who has done greater harm to a major piece of pro-life legislation, while claiming to be pro-life, than Renee Ellmers. In early 2015, Ellmers suddenly launched an extended public campaign against the 20-week abortion ban, although the bill was identical to legislation that she had voted to pass on June 18, 2013. This extraordinary campaign, which lasted for months, included multiple interviews with liberal news media outlets, in which Ellmers made many highly disputable statements about the bill, for example claiming that it would alienate “millennial” voters (despite polling data to the contrary). She even advocated amending the bill to allow *consenting adults* who chose to engage in *incest* (which is illegal in most states, including North Carolina) to continue to be allowed to abort unborn babies at will, in the sixth month and later. Although the bill ultimately passed the House, the delay and damage inflicted by Renee Ellmers diminished its chances in the Senate, where pro-abortion senators were able to organize a successful filibuster to prevent the ban from advancing despite the support of a majority of senators.

National Right to Life hopes that all voters in the 2nd District who are concerned with the right to life of unborn children will give great weight to your consistent pro-life record, and to the extraordinary public attacks launched by Congresswoman Ellmers against the 20-week abortion ban. We encourage such voters to vote to return you to the House, so that you can continue to work to advance vital pro-life public policies.

Sincerely,

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