



**NAF AND OTHER LEADING MEDICAL AND HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS
OPPOSE BANS ON SAFE ABORTION PROCEDURES**

The major medical organizations listed below have opposed the ban on so-called "partial-birth abortions." These organizations have recognized that the ban would endanger women's health and inappropriately interfere with medical decision-making. These groups have implored Congress not to intrude into decisions that are more appropriately made by women and their families in consultation with their physicians. Their medical judgment should be principal when considering bans on safe abortion procedures.

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American Nurses Association
American Medical Women's Association
American Public Health Association
Association of Schools of Public Health
American College of Nurse Practitioners
Association of Reproductive Health Professionals
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Reproductive Health
American Medical Student Association
California Medical Association
Rhode Island Medical Society
Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health
Planned Parenthood Federation of America
National Asian Women's Health Organization
National Black Women's Health Project
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
National Women's Health Network
Association of Women Psychiatrists

According to *AMNews*, the official publication of the American Medical Association, the AMA released a statement on March 10, 2003, which stated that "[t]he AMA also has long-standing policy opposing legislation that would criminalize medical practice or procedure." (April 7, 2003)