

Congressional Candidate Vipond Lies About Her Support For Legal Abortion

Congressional candidate Jennifer Hoppe Vipond, who is challenging Republican Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner from the left in Tuesday's Republican primary, is now claiming she does not support legal abortion. But Vipond made it explicitly clear she supports keeping abortion legal in a Facebook post on her own campaign page less than one month ago.

In the post, shown below in entirety, Vipond says she opposes abortion personally and supports widespread contraceptive distribution to prevent it. But she then specifically states she is opposed to passing any laws to restrict a woman's right to have an abortion.

"But even I have a problem with the government forcing me to give up that right," Vipond states on her Facebook post. She personally states she would give up her right to an abortion but makes it clear she is opposed to government passing laws taking away that "right." Vipond is now saying in interviews and blog posts that she is opposed to legal abortion. If she is, she changed her position in the last three weeks. In fact, the post that says government should not take away a woman's "right" to have an abortion is STILL on her campaign Facebook page.

The entire post, from July 15, is below:

Vipond for Congress: I think all abortions are tragedies and that a fetus is a human. What else would it be? The question is not whether the fetus is human. The question is whose right should take precedence, The unborn baby or the woman carrying that baby. I am a pediatrician and a mother of 6. I have patients who were born weighing under a pound. Just last week I prayed over the body of a three year old taken far too soon. Life is sacred. I will give up my rights for an unborn child every time. But even I have a problem with the government forcing me to give up that right. That is why I have worked for 27 years advising young women first abstinence but if that is not in their plans then preventive care including birth control. I have probably prevented more abortions than anyone in office. Making abortions illegal will not take away the demand. The only way to end abortion is to prevent unwanted pregnancies. You can decide if that is pro-life or pro-choice. I think it is pro-reality.

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