



Dear Friends,

The last few weeks have seen a resurgence in the right-wing's assault on the rights of women. These attacks have taken many forms, including an attempt to undermine the free contraceptive coverage that was a part of the health reform law. In the House Judiciary Committee, we have also seen a renewed attack on reproductive rights in the form of H.R. 3541. This bill would force doctors to guess the motive of any woman seeking an abortion and to then refuse her request if the doctor determines her reason for terminating the pregnancy is based on the race or sex of the fetus.



Rep. Nadler condemns a recent ploy to undermine the right to choose. [Watch the video.](#)

This is nothing more than a ploy to harass women who seek abortion services and the doctors who provide them. It would effectively turn medical personnel into police, seeking to read the minds of their patients in an attempt to discern their true intentions, instead of focusing on providing quality medical care. It would all be just plain ridiculous if it were not so despicable.

This terrible bill and its attack on choice comes as Tea Party ideologues try to cut funding for the very programs that actually help women and their children. Instead of attempting to limit choice, they should focus on providing funding for the *Violence Against Women Act*, or supporting maternal and child health programs. There is so much more fruitful work that can be done instead of trying to meddle with women's private medical decisions.

Securing our Ports



Rep. Nadler testifies on the need for 100% scanning of maritime cargo before it reaches our nation's vulnerable ports. [Watch the video.](#)

The ports and maritime facilities that connect our businesses to the

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global economy also present some of the greatest vulnerabilities to our national security. Ships bound from all over the world arrive in our country in places like the Port of New York and New Jersey, most without having ever been adequately scanned for threats such as chemical or nuclear weapons. To address this threat, I authored legislation to improve port security that became law in 2007 as part of H.R. 1, the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act*.

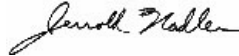
Principal among these provisions was the requirement that, by July 12, 2012, all cargo containers be scanned by nonintrusive imaging equipment and radiation detectors before being loaded onto a vessel bound for the United States. This would provide invaluable protection against the threat of a terrorist attack to the nation's 360 commercial ports and the communities they support. Yet, despite this Congressional mandate, the Department of Homeland Security will not be able to meet the 100% scanning mandate by the July 12 deadline for compliance.

This is why I recently testified before a Homeland Security Committee hearing on the measures necessary to secure our ports from potential terrorist attacks. I told the Committee that further delays in 100% scanning would only further jeopardize the security of ports and the millions of Americans who live near them. [Click here to watch](#) my testimony.

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