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**Budd Signaled That He Would Likely Support A Fully Abortion Ban Even In Cases Of Rape, Incest, And Where The Mother’s Life Could Be At Risk, He Characterized Abortion In Those Cases As A “Second Tragedy” That Should Not Be Added To The Situation.** BOWEN: "We will likely have in the next month or so a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court when it comes to Roe v. Wade. Can you just clarify for me where you stand on abortion and where you stand on whether there should be an option if a woman who is a victim of incest, rape, or her life is in danger?" BUDD: "So I want to look at it broadly. First of all, when a person finds himself in that type of situation, let's just admit right up front, regardless of what your political background is or what party you're with, that it's a tragedy when somebody finds himself there. And I want to say, why would you want to add a second tragedy to an already very tough situation? I don't condemn anybody that's ever been through that. But I want to say let's not add more tragedy to a very tough situation." [CBS 17, Local Matters, 04:10, [4/25/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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she's been raped or is a victim of incest, you still feel that that person should not be given the option to abort the child? BUDD: You need to look at it as a tragedy, and let's engage this person, let's talk with them. But let's also realize there's a second life there. And you had to look at it through those lenses in why would you want to take a second life for something that's already been harmed. So that's how I want to look at it. [CBS 17, Local Matters, 04:56, [4/25/22](#)] (VIDEO)

**Ted Budd Said That Women Who Became Pregnant Due To Rape Or Incest Should Not Add More Tragedy To A Very Tough Situation With An Abortion.** During an interview with Russ Bowen on CBS 17, Ted Budd answered a question by Russ Bowen. RUSS BOWEN: "We will likely have in the next month or so a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court when it comes to Roe v. Wade. Can you just clarify for me where you stand on abortion and where you stand on whether there should be an option if a woman who is a victim of incest rape or her life is in danger?" Ted Budd: "So I want to look at it broadly. First of all, when a person finds himself in that type of situation, let's just admit right up front, regardless of what your political background is or what party you're with, that it's a tragedy when somebody finds himself there. And I want to say, why would you want to add a second tragedy to an already very tough situation? I don't condemn anybody that's ever been through that. But I want to say let's not add more tragedy to a very tough situation." [CBS 17, Local Matters, 04:10, [4/25/22](#)] (VIDEO)

**Axios: Ted Budd, "Left The Door Open To Banning Abortion In Cases Where A Mother's Life Could Be At Risk As Well As In Cases Of Rape And Incest."** "Rep. Ted Budd (R-N.C.), also endorsed by Trump, has left the door open to banning abortion in cases where a mother's life could be at risk as well as in cases of rape and incest. When pressed on these specific scenarios during an interview with CBS last month, Budd said: 'You need to look at it as a tragedy, and let's engage this person, let's talk with them. But let's also realize there's a second life there. And you had to look at it through those lenses in why would you want to take a second life for something that's already been harmed.'" [Axios, [5/8/22](#)]

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**Ted Budd Praised The Texas Abortion Law That Banned Abortions After 6-Weeks, And Empowered Private Citizens To Enforce The Law.** "He also signed the amicus brief urging the courts to review and overturn Roe v. Wade and has praised the "creativity" of a Texas law that bans abortion at six weeks and empowers private citizens to enforce the law. Budd has called the Texas Heartbeat Act a "monumental step forward in the movement to protect unborn life." [Hill, [6/29/22](#)]

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**Personhood Laws Could Subject Women Who Have Abortions To Murder Charges.** “But the differences between personhood laws and other abortion restrictions are sometimes poorly understood. Abortion rights supporters say personhood laws could have far-reaching consequences that could hamper in vitro fertilization or subject women who have abortions to murder charges.” [Associated Press, [7/30/22](#)]

**Personhood Law Could Criminalize Women Who Terminate Pregnancies.** “And the impact of personhood laws could be felt beyond abortion regulation. They could limit in vitro fertilization, criminalize women who terminate pregnancies or engage in behavior harmful to the fetus, and even grant a fetus child support, tax benefits and other rights.” [Associated Press, [7/30/22](#)]

## **Ted Budd Has Even Voted Against Ensuring The Right To Contraception Access, And Co-Sponsored Bills That Could Ban Common Forms Of Birth Control**

**Budd Voted Against The Right To Contraception Act.** “Contraceptives: The House has passed the Right to Contraception Act to bar state and local governments from restricting the ability of individuals and health care entities to provide and consume contraceptives, and take contraceptive actions. The vote on Thursday, July 21, was 228-195. Nays: McHenry, Budd.” [News & Record, [7/23/22](#)]

**Budd Voted Against Prohibiting The Veterans Affairs Department From Requiring Copayments From Veterans For Contraceptives That Are Required To Be Covered By Health Insurance.** In June 2021, Budd voted against: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the Veterans Affairs Department from requiring copayments from a veteran for any contraceptive items that are required to be covered by health insurance plans without a cost-sharing requirement.” The bill passed, 245-181. [HR 239, [Vote #184](#), 6/24/21; CQ, [6/24/21](#)]

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