

Family Values

Recognized the need for children in foster care to have permanent and loving families. Congressman Forbes cosponsored the National Adoption Day Resolution, [H.Res.433](#), which supports the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month, recognizes that every child in foster care deserves a permanent and loving family, and encourages Americans to consider the adoption of children in foster care. National Adoption Day, November 19, 2011, is a collective national effort to find permanent families for children in foster care. Since 2000, over 30,000 children have joined families during National Adoption Day.

Supported strengthening conscience protections for healthcare entities. Congressman Forbes joined 124 members of the House of Representatives in sending a letter to House Appropriations Chairman Hal Rogers urging him to include the language of the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA), [H.R. 361](#), in any final appropriations package for FY 2012. ANDA would strengthen conscience protections for healthcare entities by prohibiting the government from discriminating against them for refusing to provide abortion-related services. The bill also would make conscience protections more enforceable by giving healthcare entities an opportunity to initiate legal action if they experience abortion-related discrimination. The need for ANDA was highlighted recently when reports emerged that the Obama administration denied a grant to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops due to the organization's pro-life stance. In addition, on October 31, 2011, a group of nurses filed a lawsuit against the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey for forcing them to either participate in abortions or lose their jobs.