Brian Fitzpatrick wants to restrict abortion even if the mother's life is in danger and in most cases of rape and incest. Fitzpatrick supported legislation that criminalizes abortions and punishes doctors, and he even said he would "absolutely" vote to defund Planned Parenthood.

**Fitzpatrick Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban.** In October 2017, Fitzpatrick voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban. It would provide exceptions for cases in which the woman’s life is in danger as well as for pregnancies that are a result of rape for pregnancies that are a result of rape against an adult woman, if the woman received counseling or medical treatment for the rape at least 48 hours prior to the abortion. An exception would be provided for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest against a minor if the rape or incest had been previously reported to law enforcement or another government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. The bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present for abortions where the fetus has the ‘potential’ to survive outside the womb.” The rule was adopted, 237-189. [HR 36, Vote #549, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

Abortion rights groups said the legislation had no exception if the pregnancy threatened the mother’s health, and the rape and incest exceptions were too narrow. “Abortion rights groups and Democratic lawmakers panned the legislation ahead of its passage, arguing it is based on faulty science and contains no exception if a pregnancy would threaten a mother’s health. They also said the rape and incest exceptions are too narrow and that the bill is likely unconstitutional under existing Supreme Court rulings.” [Washington Post, 10/3/17]

**Fitzpatrick Voted Against An Amendment To The 20-Week Abortion Ban Allowing For An Exception For An Abortion Necessary To Save The Health Of A Pregnant Woman.** In October 2017, Fitzpatrick voted against: “Brownley, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions to report it back immediately with an amendment that would add an exception to the 20-week abortion ban for abortions necessary to save the health of the pregnant woman.” The motion was rejected, 238-187. [HR 36, Vote #548, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

The bill would impose criminal penalties on doctors, with exceptions for rape and incest only if it had been reported to law enforcement. In October 2017, Fitzpatrick voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit abortions in cases where the probable age of the fetus is 20 weeks or later and would impose criminal penalties on doctors who violate the ban. It would provide exceptions for cases in which the woman’s life is in danger as well as for pregnancies that are a result of rape for pregnancies that are a result of rape against an adult woman, if the woman received counseling or medical treatment for the rape at least 48 hours prior to the abortion. An exception would be provided for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest against a minor if the rape or incest had been previously reported to law enforcement or another government agency authorized to act on reports of child abuse. The bill would require a second doctor trained in neonatal resuscitation to be present for abortions where the fetus has the ‘potential’ to survive outside the womb.” The bill passed, 237-189. [HR 36, Vote #549, 10/3/17; CQ, 10/3/17]

Fitzpatrick: “Yes I Would Vote … To Defund Planned Parenthood[,] Absolutely.” During a Pennsylvania 8th District GOP Debate Q&A the following occurred: QUESTION: Would you vote to defund Planned Parenthood? FITZPATRICK: Yes I would vote, and will vote, to defund Planned Parenthood. Absolutely. If what we’ve all seen on television wasn’t enough, a reason that other people aren’t even considering, Planned Parenthood spends quite a bit of money on politics. I’ve gotten mailers myself, at my home, and I know that they use this argument, ‘well money we get from the taxpayers is really going over here and not here.’ Well, money is fungible. That’s a ridiculous argument, it’s an argument they make, it’s an argument that I don’t agree with. They should not get federal taxpayer money. [The New Britain Township Republican Club Debate: Part 4 [8:40], 3/01/16]

**Planned Parenthood Affiliates In Pennsylvania Served 90,000 Patients Annually.** “In partnership with the three Planned Parenthood affiliates in Pennsylvania and on behalf of the nearly 90,000 patients they serve annually, Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates, along with our 450,000 supporters, works to achieve maximum public, governmental, and media support for reproductive health care, including family planning, by developing,
implementing, and facilitating a statewide strategy.” [Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates, accessed 8/28/20]