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Florida NOW Applauds the Florida Senate's Rejection of a Mandatory Ultrasound Bill

Today, the Florida Senate voted to reject SB 2400 Mandatory Ultrasound bill, sponsored by Senator Daniel Webster (R-9). SB 2400 would have required women seeking to terminate their pregnancies in the first trimester to undergo and view an ultrasound, at their own expense, prior to receiving an abortion.

The Florida National Organization for Women (Florida NOW) opposed SB 2400 and its House companion, HB 257. This bill would have placed an undue burden on women in the state of Florida and would not have increased overall safety and well being for women. Additionally, the opt-out provision for victims of rape, incest, domestic violence, and human trafficking was insufficient, requiring victims to provide a police report or other court documentation to bypass the ultrasound viewing requirement. This requirement demonstrated a complete lack of compassion for women, as more than 60% of sexual assault victims do not report their assaults to the police.

Twenty Senators voted against this dangerous bill today, effectively defeating it. Florida NOW applauds their commitment to women's rights in Florida.