



DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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The Honorable: _____

I, _____, am a parishioner at _____(Parish) in _____(City), California, where I participate in various ministries and worship. I would like you to consider **opposing SB 245** which is goes against the inalienable rights and dignity of every human being, including the unborn child.

Pope Francis tells us, "... appeal to all politicians, regardless of their faith convictions, to treat the defense of the lives of those who are about to be born and enter into society as the cornerstone of the common good." Accordingly, **I urge you in the strongest possible terms to oppose SB 245**, because SB 245 will make only one "choice" more accessible for women, particularly those who are challenged economically or have a less than adequate health plan.

Sadly, women may be faced at times with many life-changing and challenging decisions in their journey through life. But in the name of "choice" inviting them to end the life of their unborn child is not a compassionate or morally responsible choice.

If this bill is truly about providing "choices" for women and increasing access, the state should require all health plans to fund life-affirming services in a patient's health care plan. Offering state-funded abortions as the easiest alternative to pregnancy undermines the ability of the state to promote the value of diversity and true empowerment of women.

I implore you to oppose SB 245, and instead support funding that provides mothers with financial resources to be able to take care of the child. I respectfully request a meeting as soon as possible to discuss this critical matter further.

Finally, please know that you and your staff are in my prayers as you continue your important work on behalf of our country.

Sincerely,

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Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____