



A message to the faithful of the archdiocese from Archbishop Michael Jackels

The letter below was sent today from the archbishop to the Senators from Iowa. Please contact them yourself, to encourage them along the same lines. Feel free to use the text of this letter, signing instead your own name. You can find an electronic means to send your letter at grassley.senate.gov and ernst.senate.gov.

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Dear Senator,

In the exercise of your office, please do what you can to amend the Build Back Better Act so that the health care proposals in the bill will be guided by the Hyde Amendment, not allowing for taxpayer funding of elective abortions.

The Supreme Court will soon be considering the correctness of the Roe v. Wade decision itself. There are many, myself included, who hope and pray that it will be overturned, out of respect for human life and the dignity of the human person.

But even if Roe v. Wade would regretfully not be overturned, taxpayers should not be implicated in the evil of elective abortion.

The Build Back Better Act does not deserve to be opposed, unless of course it continues to include taxpayer funding of elective abortion. Sadly, the failure to include protections provided by the Hyde Amendment would end 45 years of protection for unborn children.

If you would, also consider amending the legislation to include faith-based child care and pre-kindergarten programs in federal financial assistance. Excluding them would severely limit parental choice regarding their children's care and education.

And kindly offer your support to the legislation's provision of a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants already living here, not allowing that to be weakened or taken away.

Grateful for your consideration of these requests, with prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael O. Jackels
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