



DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER
Secretariat for Administration and Community Affairs

April 12, 2012

Senator Jeb Bradley
Senate Health and Human Services Committee
107 North Main Street – Room 102
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: HB 1660 (Relative to Abortions After 20 Weeks)

Dear Senator Bradley and Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee:

As the Director of the Office of Public Policy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester, and on behalf of Bishop Peter Libasci, I write to express our support for **HB 1660**. This bill would, in most circumstances, outlaw abortions after twenty weeks.

As Pope Benedict XVI has stated, “[l]ife is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others.” It is no mere chance that the Founding Fathers enumerated life as the first of the rights which they said were endowed by the Creator.

In keeping with this founding principle of our nation, the Catholic Church believes that life is sacred from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death. We will continue to work toward the creation of a society where abortion is outlawed entirely. Until that day, we will support measures like HB 1660 which are intended to minimize the occasions when abortions may be committed.

Accordingly, we urge you to recommend this bill as ought to pass. Thank you for your consideration of our position, and thank you for your service to the people of the State of New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Public Policy

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