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Dear Pastors,

Your voice could help save millions of lives. The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years. It's credited with saving the lives of over **2.4 million children** to date.

Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away this law that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Without it, *billions* of taxpayer dollars could go to abortion. That means abortions would be *cheaper, easier, and funded* with our taxpayer dollars.

As Pope Francis has said, "The future of humanity ... is fundamentally in the hands of peoples and in their ability to organize."

It is **critically important** for Catholics to send a *strong* message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Because of the *incredibly high stakes* Congress needs to hear from a *massive* number of people.

I invite the people of your parish to join our Archdiocesan response to this nationwide effort by the USCCB, set for the **first week of June**. Any time in June is ok, but early June is the target.

The primary goal is for *millions of Catholics* to sign the petition on NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.

The USCCB has created **easy, ready-to-use tools, in English and Spanish**, that can be found at www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion. These include sample bulletin announcements, graphics, flyer, and infographics. More tools continue to be added as they become available, so be sure to check back.

Additionally, USCCB hosted a webinar last week which was recorded and is accessible via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZvhekACWvg>. This webinar gives more information on the push for tax dollars to pay for abortion and what Catholics can do to stop it.

I have also attached 3 items to assist you: **Hyde Amendment Backgrounder, Hyde Amendment Webinar Takeaway Flyer, and a No Taxpayer Funded Abortion Flyer.**

If you have any further questions, please reach out to Anne Avellone, Director, Office of Social Justice and Respect Life, 505-831-8167, justice@archdiosf.org, who is coordinating our Archdiocesan effort on this campaign.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Wester".

Most Rev. John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe

PS: Please consider including this simple announcement for the first weekend in June in your parish bulletin and other communications: **Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion. Respond Now!** NoTaxpayerAbortion.com