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Dear Monsignor/Father,

Your voice and the voices of your parishioners could help save millions of lives!

The Hyde Amendment has protected Americans from funding abortion for 45 years. It is 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 diocesan response to this nationwide effort by the USCCB, set for the **first week of June**. The primary goal is for *millions of Catholics* to *sign the petition* on [NoTaxPayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxPayerAbortion.com).

The USCCB has created **easy, ready-to-use** tools that can be found at [respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion](http://respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion). These include a sample announcement, graphics, flyer, and infographic. More tools continue to be added as they become available, so be sure to check back.

Additionally, the USCCB is hosting a webinar **Wednesday, May 12 at 2:00 PM (EDT)** that will give more information on the push for tax dollars to pay for abortion and what Catholics can do to stop it. Anyone interested can register at [respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion](http://respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion).

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

PS: Please consider including this announcement in your parish bulletin and other communications: ***Stop your tax dollars from going to abortion.*** [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)