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My dear friends in Christ,

Earlier this week the Massachusetts House of Representatives utilized the state budget process to approve the expansion of abortion in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In certain respects, the budget amendment did remove some provisions that were deeply troubling in the ROE Act.

However, there remain several aspects in the proposal that are completely unacceptable. Among them is the expansion of abortion in certain circumstances for the full term of pregnancy. Additionally, it would reduce the current age of consent for an abortion from 18 years of age to 16 years of age.

This week, the budget debate will move to the full State Senate. I am asking you to call your local Senator and urge him or her to vote no on any amendment that expands abortion in Massachusetts. You can find the contact number for your Senator by visiting the Massachusetts Catholic Conference website at macatholic.org or by calling 617-746-5630.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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