

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

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Written Testimony in Support of SB 260

Regarding the use of telemedicine for the purpose of providing abortion-inducing drugs

Thank you, chairman Burke, vice chairman Huffman, ranking minority member Antonio and members of the Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee. My name is Jim Tobin. I am an Associate Director with the Catholic Conference of Ohio. On behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Ohio I urge you to support the passage of this legislation to ensure that abortion-inducing drugs can only be prescribed after an in-person examination by the prescribing physician. This is a reasonable safeguard given the gravity of the procedure.

The Catholic Church's teaching concerning abortion is well known. We hold that every child, at every moment of existence, deserves love and the protection of the law. We do not believe any person or government has the right to take the life of an innocent human being- and we hold that the real problems that lead women to consider abortion should be addressed with solutions that support both mother and child.

We thank Senator Stephen Huffman for his sponsorship of this legislation.