

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

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Written Testimony in Support of SB 157 Born Alive Infant Protection Act

Thank you, Chair Roegner, Vice chair McColley, Ranking Minority Member Craig and members of the Senate Government Oversight and Reform 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 your support of SB 157.

The Catholic Church's teaching concerning abortion is well known. We hold that from the first moment of existence, a human being has the right to life. Each person has a God-given dignity that should be nurtured and protected. Abortion is a grave violation of human rights and human dignity.

Strengthening protections for babies born alive through an attempted abortion procedure is basic to human decency. The nationwide research studies, cited by the bill's sponsors, indicated at least 143 children dying after being born alive in abortion facilities. This is deeply troubling.

We thank the sponsors and cosponsors of this legislation and encourage your support for SB 157.