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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On this Respect Life Sunday, I write to you regarding Question 6, a proposed amendment to the Nevada Constitution greatly expanding abortion rights.

This question is not whether abortion is legal in Nevada; it already is under a law approved by Nevada voters in 1990. The Legislature cannot amend or repeal that law; only a direct vote of the people can do so. This question is whether Nevada voters should expand the right to abortion in ways that can harm the health, safety, and welfare of women and minors. Moreover, this measure will have grave and lasting consequences for vulnerable unborn lives. I ask you to give this matter your careful attention.

If approved by voters for a second time, Question 6 would amend the Nevada Constitution. Among the serious concerns surrounding this proposal are the following:

- It dangerously expands abortion rights. Abortion, already legal in Nevada up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, would potentially be permitted to the ninth month of pregnancy.
- It ratifies removal of parental notification and family involvement from abortion decisions made by minor children. Parental consent is required to give a student Tylenol; this initiative would allow a minor to obtain an abortion without a parent even knowing.
- It is dangerous for women and young girls, as Question 6 would replace the 'licensed physician' requirement for abortion with 'health care practitioner,' a term that could include nurses, dentists, opticians, and medical laboratory technicians (NRS 439A.0195) and severely threatens the State's ability to regulate abortion clinics for basic health, safety, and sanitary conditions.

Unborn children have no voice and cannot defend themselves. As Catholics, our faith requires us to protect the inherent dignity of every human life and to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Our faith also calls us to approach moral issues of great consequence with truth, prayer and a well-formed conscience. Nevada law already permits abortion under existing state law. Question 6 concerns whether abortion rights should be further expanded in the Nevada Constitution.

I encourage you to vote no on Question 6 and invite your family and friends to do the same. Please pick up the advisory from the Nevada Catholic Conference, available in English and Spanish at your parish. I encourage you to read it carefully and to share this information with others.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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