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The Democratic Platform Committee
Democratic National Committee

Members of the Democratic Platform Committee,

Inspired by the Christian faith, we note that the Bible calls on us to speak up in favor of those who do not have a voice (*Proverbs 31:8-9; Matthew 25:45*). We also note that life begins at fertilization (*Psalms 22:10-11; Galatians 1:15; Luke 1:41; Psalm 139:13-15; Jeremiah 1:5*). Finally, we note that abortion takes the life of the innocent, which is against Scripture (*Exodus 20:13; 2 Kings 17:17; Deuteronomy 5:17; Revelation 22:15; Psalm 106:38; Proverbs 6:17*).

Informed by human reason, we recall that [95% of biologists](#) affirm the biological view that life begins at fertilization. Likewise, we recall the opinion of leading scholars, who have [rejected Roe v. Wade](#) as “bad constitutional law.”

We recall that denying personhood to the pre-born child has [disturbing parallels](#) to Dred Scott vs. Sandford. Sadly, the US is just [one of seven countries](#), alongside North Korea, to allow the horrific practice of elective late-term abortion after 20 weeks.

We do not presently speak to support or oppose particular candidates or parties. However, we have an obligation to speak truth to power in the face of injustice and inequality. The law should consider the convictions of all citizens and the principles from which they are derived. The Christian faith invites us to play a particular role in moving the conscience of the American people to end unjust discrimination against certain classes of people, as in previous civil rights movements.

Some of us are registered Democrats and some of us are not, but we appreciate the Democratic Party’s stated commitment to human rights, equality, and fairness. Accordingly, we urge the Democratic Party to embrace policies that protect both women and children: legal protection for pre-born children, improved prenatal care for women in need, especially women of color, alternatives to abortion, and a comprehensive culture of life free from violence, poverty and racism.

We call upon you to recognize the inviolable human dignity of the child, before and after birth. We urge you to reject a litmus test on pro-life people of faith seeking office in the Democratic Party. Crucially, we urge you to end the explicit support in your platform for abortion extremism, such as taxpayer-funded abortion in America and overseas, opposed by [60% and 76% of voters](#).^{1 2}

[79% of voters](#) oppose elective abortion on demand,³ including, but not limited to, many people of faith. They deserve a home in the Democratic Party.

We pray that God would bless you as you work to serve our country.

In Christ,

The Undersigned

1) 60% oppose using tax dollars to pay for a woman’s abortion (Marist Poll; January 2020; p. 8)

2) 76% oppose or strongly oppose using tax dollars to support abortion in other countries (Marist Poll; January 2020; p. 9)

3) 21% believe that abortion should be available to a woman any time during her entire pregnancy (Marist Poll; January 2020; p. 3)

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