



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

*Office of the Bishop*

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The Hyde Amendment has had a life-saving, conscience-protecting impact for 45 years. The amendment is credited with saving the lives of more than 2.4 million children to date.

The Amendment has always received bipartisan support, but it is in jeopardy of being eliminated. Pro-abortion groups and powerful members of Congress are campaigning to rescind the Hyde Amendment and to instead implement a policy that would require every federal health program to cover, and every federal health facility to provide, elective abortions. If adopted, the new policy could go as far as to nullify state and local policies against abortion coverage.

It is critically important for Catholics to let members of Congress know that the Hyde Amendment has broad public support and should not be repealed. Without this provision, billions of taxpayer dollars could go to abortion.

Pope John Paul II reminds us, "It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop." (*Evangelium vitae*, no. 101)

Please sign the petition on [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com). Your voice could help save millions of lives.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
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