

## WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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## WISCONSIN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE DENOUNCES GOVENOR'S VETO OF PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION

The Wisconsin Catholic Conference, on behalf of the Roman Catholics bishops of Wisconsin, has issued the following statement on the Governor's veto of pro-life legislation.

We are dismayed that Governor Tony Evers has vetoed four pro-life bills that recently passed both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature. Legal abortion is the civil rights issue of our time, both because it denies an entire class of human beings of any rights and because it sides with the strong against the weak. Our march for justice for unborn and newly born children, as with all vulnerable people, will not be complete until their full humanity is recognized and protected.

As Catholics we uphold the life and dignity of every human being. It is why we fight against modern-day slavery of human trafficking, euthanasia, and the death penalty. It is why we support access to quality health care, education, food, and housing. It is also why, whether a female is facing an unplanned pregnancy or is in the womb, we care for both.

It is always wrong to alleviate human suffering by eliminating the weakest human being. It is also wrong to deny the suffering and burdens that many pregnant women face, regardless of whether their unborn children are wanted or unwanted. That is why we also support numerous private and public initiatives that help pregnant and parenting women.

These bills provide certainty in Wisconsin that all human life will be protected, and that women's health care is focused on prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and care – not the termination of life. These bills represent the inclusion and not the exclusion of the most vulnerable. We call on all people of good will to continue to show women and children that they deserve better than abortion.

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