



Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Say NO to Expanded Abortion Access

The Massachusetts State Legislature will consider passing into law two deeply troubling bills this legislative session. They are identical in text but differ slightly in their titles. The first, (House Bill 3320) is "*An Act removing obstacles and expanding access to women's reproductive health*". The second, (Senate Bill 1209) is "*An Act to remove obstacles and expand abortion access*". Current law would be dramatically changed by:

- 1) Expanding abortion access, including late term abortions, during the nine months of pregnancy for virtually any reason.
- 2) Eliminating any requirements that abortions be performed in a hospital.
- 3) Eliminating the requirement that provides medical care to a child who survives an abortion attempt.
- 4) Eliminating the requirement that a minor under the age of 18 have the consent of a parent, guardian, or the courts.
- 5) Expanding state funding for women who cannot afford the procedure.

How can your voice be heard?

Contact your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO on Abortion Expansion! Log on to www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Your individual State Senator and Representative via zip code link.
- Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary who will consider House Bill 3320.
- Members of the Joint Committee on Public Health who will consider Senate Bill 1209.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.

"We, the Roman Catholic Bishops of the four Dioceses of Massachusetts, call on our elected officials to carefully consider the consequences that these bills would bring to the lives of infants, parents, families and the citizens of the Commonwealth. We urge all people of good will, regardless of what faith they practice, to vigorously oppose these extreme measures."¹



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