



Catholic Advocacy Day

March 23, 2021

Dear Legislator:

I live in your district, and I am writing as a participant of Catholic Advocacy Day. Catholics believe in the dignity of every human person, from the moment of conception to natural death. Basic human rights, such as the rights to food, shelter, religious freedom, health care, and education, are based on this principle. Along with the nearly 1.4 million Catholics in Washington State, I ask you to consider the policy positions below.

Economic Justice, Racial Equity, and COVID-19 Impact

Working Families Tax Exemption – Please support **HB 1297**, which will help BIPOC communities and low-income families and individuals who have disproportionately been affected by the economic impacts of COVID-19.

HB 1151- Please support HB1151 to get assistance to those in need and to update standards of need.

Housing

Housing & Essential Needs (HEN) Funding – Please support the highest appropriate level possible in funding for HEN assistance, which is gravely needed to help people struggling across our state.

Housing Trust Fund (HTF) – Please support the Housing Trust Fund by allocating the highest appropriate funding level possible in the biennial capital budget.

Tenant Protections – Please support **SB 5160**, which will help renters, particularly those feeling the economic impacts of COVID-19. SB 5160 will also give landlords access to some rental assistance programs.

Just Cause – Please support **HB 1236**, which will protect tenants.

Farmworker Housing - Please support **SB 5396**, which expands farmworker housing tax exemptions.

Care for God's Creation

Clean Fuel Standard – Please support **HB 1091** to reduce pollution and address climate change.

Health Environment for All (HEAL Act) – Please support **SB 5141** to reduce environmental health disparities and improve the health of all Washington residents.

Dignity of the Human Person & Religious Liberty

Assisted Suicide - Please oppose **HB 1141**, the expansion of assisted suicide, and maintain safeguards approved by voters in 2008.

Abortion Coverage Requirements for Student Health Plans – Respect the dignity of life and oppose requirements of **HB 1009** to cover abortion in student health plans. These requirements will also force students who do not support abortion to violate their consciences; they will be forced to purchase health plans that support abortion.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these issues. I will be grateful for your response.

Sincerely,

Name

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