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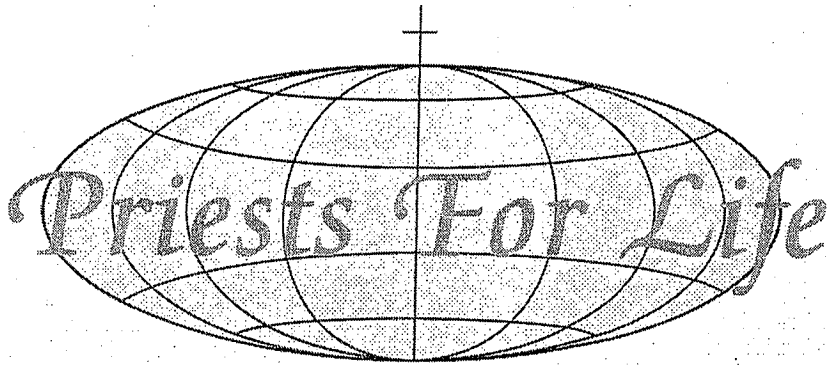
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Dear Chairman Arlen Siegfried and members of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee:

I write to you today in strong support of HB 2324, the Heartbeat Bill. This legislation indicates that children in the womb whose hearts are beating are to be protected. The heartbeat of the pre-born child begins to be detected at around 18-21 days after fertilization. This legislation, in other words, would protect the vast majority of children who now have no protection at all.

As I work nationally in the pro-life movement, I have seen support grow for this model of legislation. Of course, opinions will differ in the legal community and also in the church as to whether this is the best strategy at this point in time. But that is true to say regarding just about every other strategy as well. The point is that whatever effort we pursue, there will be pushback from the other side, there will be court challenges, and there will be disagreements. But we have to have the will to fight and to do everything possible to advance the protection of our youngest brothers and sisters. This legislation gives us the perfect opportunity to do that!

Please give your support to the HB 2324, the Heartbeat Bill.

Sincerely,

Fr Frank Pavone
National Director