



DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

January 4, 2024

Senator Sharon Carson, Chair
And Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee
State House
Concord, NH 03301

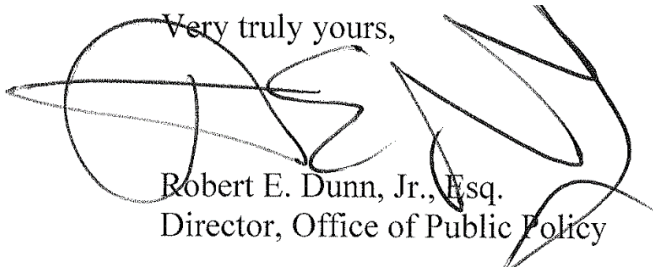
Re: **SB 461 (Repealing Language from 24-Week Abortion Law)**

Dear Senator Carson and Members of the Committee:

As the Director of the Office of Public Policy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester, and on behalf of Bishop Peter Libasci, I write to respectfully register our **opposition to SB 461**, which would repeal RSA 329:49, a provision which states that nothing in the fetal life protection act shall be construed as creating a right to abortion. This proposal seems closely analogous to HB 88 and SB 181, bills filed last session that sought to create statutory rights of access to abortion. As you know, those bills were voted ITL by the Senate, and without once again restating the well-known reasons for our opposition to abortion bills, we ask you to recommend SB 461 as ITL also.

Thank you as always for your kind consideration of our views.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Dunn, Jr.", written over a printed name and title.

Robert E. Dunn, Jr., Esq.
Director, Office of Public Policy