



From the Bishop

I join my fellow bishops in adamant opposition to recent efforts around the country to expand abortion laws. The New York State Legislature passed an appalling measure, “The Reproductive Health Act” (RHA) that permits abortion with very few restrictions at any time during pregnancy up to the moment of birth. Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan and the New York Catholic Conference spoke forcefully against passage of this now despicable law.

The New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops, our neighbor to the east of the Diocese of Tucson, raised its voice in protest of the pending New Mexico House Bill 51, titled the “Decriminalize Abortion Bill.” This bill seeks to ensure that abortion on demand will be provided even if the US Supreme Court were to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the current law of the land, which has proven to be an ethical and life-destroying disaster for our country.

The commonwealth of Virginia is considering pending legislation, House Bill 2491, with similar expansions to third trimester abortions. These national trends are truly alarming.

Continue to be vigilant. As St. Teresa of Kolkata reminds us, “We are called not to be successful, but to be faithful.” Thank you for your faith-filled and faithful Catholic witness in these troubled times. Please be assured of my prayers and support for the dignity and protection of every precious human life, created in the image and likeness of our Creator.

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