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Dear Legislator,

Thank you for your service to the people of this state. Mindful of your longstanding support for civil rights and minority populations, we are writing with an urgent request to address a public crisis affecting the Black community.

Abortion is a Crime Against Humanity

As faith-based leaders in the Black community, we pray that you will join us to finally correct the greatest civil and human rights violation of our time – **abortion**, and that you will respect the free exercise of religion by ending public funding of abortion.

As leaders in faith, we have a moral obligation to speak the truth about abortion to our congregations. Both our faith and the history of our great nation *formed in faith*, call us to proclaim the dignity of each human life, made in the image of the Creator, regardless of condition of servitude, color of skin, or length of days.

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We stand united in declaring that the abortion of a child - notably deemed by science and philosophy as a living human being in development - is a crime against humanity. A crime against humanity occurs when the government withdraws legal protection from a class of human beings as they did with African American slaves in our American past.

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Planned Parenthood is the Greatest Violator of Civil Rights in America Today

For far too long we have allowed ourselves to be silenced as many turned a blind eye to the historic and systematic targeting of black lives by the abortion industry. We were deceived by Planned Parenthood who through their “Negro Project” shamefully used black ministers to disguise their eugenics goals as an economic equalizer that would empower black women and strengthen our communities.

Through the grace of God, we have opened our eyes to the ugly truth that Planned Parenthood has long targeted Black Americans for elimination, first through birth control, then through forced sterilization and now through abortion. As the honorable Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas recently warned, the abortion industry’s “use of abortion to achieve eugenics goals is

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not merely hypothetical” and the state has a “compelling interest in preventing abortion from becoming a tool of modern-day eugenics.” The evidence against Planned Parenthood is staggering. 78 percent of Planned Parenthood's abortion clinics are located in minority neighborhoods. As a result, 30 percent of the babies aborted in America are African American while we remain only 12 percent of the population. Tragically, the deadliest place for a black child is in his mother’s womb.

Today an increasing number of Black Americans recognize that Planned Parenthood’s eugenic and population control agenda is having a genocidal impact on the Black population. More African American babies have been killed by abortion during the past 30 years than the total number of African American deaths from all other causes combined. The loss of 20 million African American children through abortion has robbed us of our destiny to be the largest minority population in this country, as we now stand second to Hispanics.

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The State Has a Legal and Moral Duty to Protect Black Lives

Today we stand united in declaring that as a civilized people, we can no longer endure the existence of the domestic terror that is Planned Parenthood, an organization whose business model is based in the eugenics philosophy, with longstanding and deadly intent against African Americans. Planned Parenthood is even targeting our children in public schools with dangerous sexuality propaganda and an abortion-on-demand agenda, *increasing* the demand for abortion.

Any approval for abortion funding or other support for Planned Parenthood is approval to kill even more of our African American children.

Regardless of your position on abortion, the state cannot continue to fund this extremist group that profits off the death of African American children. The Supreme Court has ruled that a woman's "right" to an abortion, does *not* include the right to public funding. Any approval for abortion funding or other support for Planned Parenthood *is approval to kill even more of our African American children*. And forcing us as people of faith to publicly fund abortion is a direct violation of our religious freedoms.

We the undersigned individuals, hereby call on our lawmakers to renounce Planned Parenthood and decry their long history of civil rights abuses, beginning with the targeted operations of clinics in poor, African American neighborhoods.

We urge you to stand with us on the right side of history, to make a public declaration against the hateful practice of eugenics and to demonstrate your sincere commitment to justice and civil rights by voting to eliminate all public funding for Planned Parenthood and its subsidiaries.

We further appeal to you to respect the God-given right to life as the first and primary of all rights due to each member of our human family, and to work to preserve that right which already exists in nature and in our state constitution, by using the full authority of your office to reject any state and local actions to infringe on that precious right including by codifying a fallacious "constitutional" right to abortion. The right to life is God-given, and no man, woman or court of law has the legitimate authority to take innocent life.

Just as certain as we know that a freed slave was not merely 3/5 of a person, we know that the human child growing in his mother's womb, is due the equal protection of this land and our laws. *It is time to end this shameful chapter in our history as a people.*

Again, we thank you for your continuing leadership in support of civil rights and social justice. Saving African American babies and their mothers from Planned Parenthood's aggressive abortion agenda is the greatest civil rights issue of our time.

God bless you and God bless America.

Respectfully Submitted,

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