



## Diocese of Monterey

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Dear brother priests and deacons,

As you may have heard in the news, etc., the House Appropriations Committee of the United States Congress will soon be voting to advance a funding bill that could exclude the longstanding and lifesaving Hyde Amendment, without which, billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

Tax-payer dollars would be far better spent supporting women in crisis pregnancies and struggling new mothers so that no woman ever feels economic pressure to have an abortion. It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message to Congress now, before it moves forward to impose tax-payer funded abortion.

Please consider inviting your parishioners to participate in a USCCB campaign that has been launched for Catholics to raise their voices on behalf of the unborn. The goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on [NoTaxPayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxPayerAbortion.com) ([www.notaxpayerabortion.com](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com)) by July 16.

As Pope Francis has said, “The future of humanity . . . is fundamentally in the hands of peoples and in their ability to organize.”

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Garcia  
Bishop of Monterey