

**IN GOOD CONSCIENCE**

December 8, 2017

Governor Charlie Baker  
Office of the Governor  
Massachusetts State House  
24 Beacon St., Room 280  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker,

It is my distinct pleasure to thank you for signing the Advancing Contraception Coverage and Economic Security in Our State (ACCESS) Bill into law on November 20, 2017. Your championship of women's reproductive healthcare even in the face of intimidation by the Catholic hierarchy is commendable. As Catholics, our faith calls on us to respect women's moral agency and human dignity. We believe each woman must be able to make reproductive health decisions based on her conscience, no matter her income or where she lives.

When you fight for reproductive healthcare access for all, you are faithfully representing the views of your constituents, including the majority of Massachusetts' more than 2.7 million Catholics. At Catholics for Choice, we know that the voices of people of faith—and particularly the voices of prochoice Catholics—belong at the center of efforts to advocate for access to reproductive health services.

This bill protects health insurance coverage for reproductive health services, guarantees that Massachusetts women can access the type of birth control that is right for them and expands women's reproductive autonomy through coverage, without copay or cost sharing, for up to a 12-month supply of prescribed contraceptives. We celebrate it as a manifestation of our Catholic values and social justice tradition.

We applaud your courage and conviction to continue Massachusetts' leadership in healthcare reform. Please know that Catholics for Choice is here to help. Our organization is happy to provide you and your staff with materials, polling data, talking points or additional information to assist your efforts to speak out as a prochoice leader. Please do not hesitate to contact Glenn Northern, Domestic Program Director, at [gnorthern@catholicsforchoice.org](mailto:gnorthern@catholicsforchoice.org) or (202) 986-6093.

Thank you again for your signature and for doing what is right for the people of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,



Jon O'Brien  
President

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