

## Urges Oregon to Vote NO on Measure 106

Catholics for Choice shapes and advances sexual and reproductive ethics that are based on justice, reflect a commitment to women's well-being and respect and affirm the capacity of women and men to make moral decisions about their lives. We serve as a voice for the vast majority of Catholics across the United States—nearly half a million in Oregon—who support access to comprehensive reproductive health services as a matter grounded in our Catholic faith and social justice tradition. We oppose Measure 106.

As Catholics, we are called by our faith to listen to our conscience and to respect the right of others to do the same. Catholics believe each person has the gift and responsibility to do what they believe is right, to follow their conscience first and last in all matters of moral decision making, including decisions about pregnancy. Measure 106 would impede an individual's ability to follow what they know is best for them. It is unfair and unjust.

Our social justice tradition compels us to advocate for the poor and marginalized, including those with limited options for healthcare services. As Catholics we are called to show solidarity with and compassion for our neighbors regardless of how much money they have or what they believe, that is why we vehemently oppose Measure 106. We believe no one should be denied access to critical reproductive healthcare, including abortion, simply because they are poor or rely on the state for their health insurance.

Government should not be in the business of making healthcare less accessible, promoting one religious viewpoint or imposing any one religious belief on all citizens. Measure 106 is wrong for faith communities, wrong for the people of Oregon and at its base just plain wrong.

We urge all Oregonians to Vote NO on Measure 106.