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Dear Advocate for Life,

RE: PARLIAMENTARY PETITION CALLING FOR GREATER OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT (SAFE ACCESS ZONES) BILL 2020

In November, the McGowan Government rammed a dangerous censorship zones bill through the WA Parliament's Lower House – but have run out of time for any Upper House debate before the March election. If the Labor government is re-elected, the Bill will be reintroduced in 2021.

The Explanatory Memorandum states: *"The Public Health Amendment (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2020 (the Bill) amends the Public Health Act 2016 to create safe access zones around premises at which abortions are provided. These zones will ensure that those who want to access abortion services can do so in a safe and private manner. The Bill also prohibits publication and distribution of certain recordings to protect the privacy and dignity of those who access abortion services."*

Many women seek an abortion because they have no support, and so feel they have no other option. We know that women have been helped, and babies have been born, because of the offer of real help by pro-life people outside an abortion clinic, at an excruciatingly difficult and conflicted time in their lives.

This Bill is flawed for several reasons:

1. Proposed section 202P(2)(b) is so broad that it is likely to preclude a pregnant woman from obtaining assistance at a time when they may be seeking support; and
2. The Public Order in Streets Act 1984 is already in place and has adequate provisions to regulate public gatherings

If you share concerns that this Bill denies freedom and authentic choice for pregnant women, I urge you to collect as many signatures as possible and return the signed sheet. For the petition to be compliant, the Legislative Council does not accept –

- An email address as an address
- Partial addresses such as the suburb name only, or a street name with no suburb
- Photocopied pages

Once signed, please return by 1st March, 2021, to Coalition for the Defence of Human Life, PO Box 2257, Yokine South, WA 6060.

The Liberal Member for the South Metropolitan Region, Hon Nick Goiran MLC has kindly agreed to collate and count the signatures and will table the petition in Parliament.

You will notice that there is a spot on the petition for your email addresses, please be aware that this is optional, however, if you choose to provide it, Hon Nick Goiran MLC will be able to keep you updated on the petition's progress.

Proper oversight and taking into consideration the interests of the *entire community* are essential to a democracy. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to call me on 0468 454 507.

Yours sincerely,

Darryl Budge

President

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