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Senator Kevin Meyer  
State Capitol, Room 103  
Juneau, AK 99911

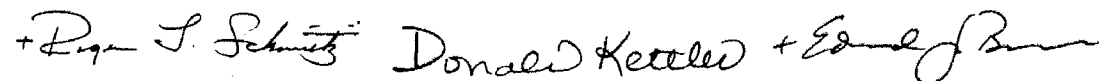
Dear Senator Meyer:

Thank you for introducing SB 16, a companion bill to Rep. Millett's HB111, which would allow "Choose Life" license plates to be issued by the State. We, the Alaska Catholic Conference of Bishops (ACCB), support this important proposed legislation and your efforts to recognize, both life and adoption in this visible way. If the entire pro-life community in Alaska purchased this license plate for their cars, imagine the visible daily witness on our streets.

We were pleased to see the legislation requires any additional revenues collected, in excess of the cost of producing the license plates, may be appropriated by the legislature to programs that promote adoption here in Alaska. Anything that raises the awareness of adoption is beneficial. All possible means of encouraging women who experience an unintended pregnancy to consider adoption over abortion are of benefit. Nothing should ever be discounted. A "choose life" license plate seen in passing might make a difference in life or death for a baby. Additionally, programs that promote adoption are continually underfunded. Any additional revenue that could support this effort would help.

If we can be of any assistance in promoting either of these bills, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you for your efforts on promoting a culture of life for our most vulnerable.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Rep. Charisse Millett

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