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## **Catholic Conference of Illinois Statement on Repealing of Parental Notice of Abortion Act**

As of today, the Illinois Parental Notice of Abortion Act has been repealed. Parents no longer have the right to know if their minor daughter is seeking an abortion or suffering from any of the physical or mental health issues that may be associated such a procedure.

It is a grave injustice that the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Pritzker repealed this law. The Parental Notice of Abortion Act was a broadly-supported, reasonable safeguard that allowed Illinois' parents to properly exercise love and care for their children. Every other state in the Midwest has at least a Parental Notification law, and polling indicates that over 70% of Illinois voters support Parental Notification.

Our state government should be in the business of supporting families and assisting parents raise their children, not undermining them. Not only has the will of the people been thwarted, but the state now has removed family support from a minor to face an unplanned pregnancy alone and is offering nothing in return to protect and provide for her.

We call on the citizens of Illinois to urge our elected officials to properly value parental rights, the needs of minors who face unplanned pregnancies and above all God's gift of human life from conception to natural death.

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