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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We seek your assistance in providing input to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction on a draft text that is being proposed for a revised textbook on Civics and Economics. The proposed text asserts that *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court that legalized abortion and struck down state and federal laws that regulated and limited access to abortion, is an example of how the Supreme Court has upheld rights against oppressive government.

If this text is approved, children taking this course will be asked to explain how *Roe v. Wade* is an example supporting the way the Supreme Court upheld rights against oppressive government!

The implication of this proposed text is that opposition to *Roe v. Wade* is wrong.

As a voice united on behalf of the unborn who have a right to life, a fundamental human right, we oppose this draft statement and ask you to join us in making the Department of Public Instruction aware of our opposition and requesting that any reference to *Roe v. Wade* be removed from this proposed text.

You may provide feedback to the writing team who has drafted this text by going to: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/phase2>. Once you reach this site, scroll down to feedback@dpi.state.nc.us and click. This will set up an e-mail for you to express your opposition to this text.

You are free to express your opposition however you see fit. We offer the following as one way to state your opposition:

Dear DPI Writing Team:

I write to you as a citizen and taxpayer of North Carolina to express my total opposition to the inclusion of *Roe v. Wade* in the proposed Civics and Economics textbook as an example supporting the way the U. S. Supreme Court prevailed over oppressive government. I find this proposal reprehensible and demand that you omit this reference from your Assessment Prototype for 10.C&G.1.2. As a teaching objective that explains individual liberties, I cannot fathom how removing the right to life for someone who does not possess the power to fight for that right is an example of oppressive government. Please remove this reference!

The deadline for submitting feedback is Monday, February 15. Please act quickly to express your opposition to this proposed text and invite others to do so.

We are grateful for all you do to support the unborn and the formation of our children in the values that support and defend life.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Raleigh

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter J. Jugis".

Most Reverend Peter J. Jugis
Bishop of Charlotte