

Dear Friends of Respect Life,

1) As I you are likely fully aware, there is a significant public storm underway over threats to ***Religious Liberty*** specifically as it pertains to the recent HHS Rule. The local response began with information last week in the Monthly Mailing and continues this weekend with bulletin inserts, it will not end there however as it will involve a sustained campaign. Updates will be found on the Respect Life [Federal Health Care Reform webpage](#) (note the recent update from the USCCB Blog!) (this page is also easily accessed from the Respect Life [home page](#)). Respect Life [Facebook](#) followers will also see updates.

To do:

- Please weigh in on the [Action Alert](#) and support the process for informing/engaging people in your parish
- Sign [this WhiteHouse.gov petition](#)

2) Please see below an Action Alert for ***ILLINOIS*** from our Catholic Conference. (On the Respect Life website [here](#).)

Recently, on behalf of the Catholic Conference of Illinois and other pro-life groups, Representative Joe Lyons (D-Chicago) introduced **House Bill 4085, *The Ultrasound Opportunity Act***. The Ultrasound Opportunity Act simply requires that a woman seeking an abortion, after 7 weeks gestation, be offered *the opportunity* to receive and view an ultrasound of her baby by the physician who is to perform the abortion, the referring physician, or another qualified person working in conjunction with either physician.

[Click here](#) for a fact sheet to better inform you of the bill's provisions. House Bill 4085 is expected to go to committee in two weeks. Please contact your [Illinois State Representative](#) now and ask him or her to ***"vote for House Bill 4085, for informed consent and for the opportunity for women to see an ultrasound of their unborn babies."***

If you do not know your state representative, you can look it up at www.ilga.gov and click on *Legislator Lookup* in the bottom right column or call our office at 217-528-9200 for assistance. The time to act is now! Thanks for all you do in support of life.

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Thank you for your attention to these issues!

Blessings,



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