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Dear Representatives:

I am writing on behalf of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference, representing the four Roman Catholic Dioceses of Massachusetts, to seek **support** for **H4325**, a bill relative to the placement of newborns and infants. This bill provides a mother with a responsible alternative to baby abandonment.

This legislation would simply encourage women and others in positions of authority in the child's life to begin making responsible decisions by assuring that the baby is turned over to people who can provide proper medical and other care for the child. It is a proper alternative for a woman who might be in a very stressful situation and by remaining anonymous, assures a safe, healthy environment for her baby.

This bill reaffirms the sanctity of life for a child and ensures its well being. For the above-cited reasons, I respectfully **request your support**.

Sincerely,



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