Dear Pastor,

On November 8, 2022, Californians will go to the polls to vote on Proposition 1, an amendment that will enshrine limitless abortion into our state constitution.

Proposition 1 guarantees abortion rights for both minor and adult females, and because limits are not set on these abortion rights, abortions can take place until the moment of delivery.

I am very alarmed by this, and pray this amendment is rejected.

The text of the proposition is a very straightforward three sentences and reads as follows:

*The state shall not deny or interfere with an individual’s reproductive freedom in their most intimate decisions, which includes their fundamental right to choose to have an abortion and their fundamental right to choose or refuse contraceptives. This section is intended to further the constitutional right to privacy guaranteed by Section 1, and the constitutional right to not be denied equal protection guaranteed by Section 7. Nothing herein narrows or limits the right to privacy or equal protection.*

As California law stands today, it is illegal to abort a baby after 24 weeks, or viability, unless it is recommended by a physician. Tragically, the text of Proposition 1 DOES NOT explicitly state limitations and if passed in November, **an abortion can be legally obtained up to** **moments before the child’s birth, for any reason.**

I am asking you to bring this amendment to the attention of your church and encourage them to be involved in defeating it. Included, is a legal memo that gives guidance regarding on what churches can and cannot do, in relation to this California ballot initiative.

Please prayerfully consider how we, as a church, should respond.

I am not asking you to add one more thing to your already very full schedule. I am willing and able to act as the liaison for our church, and since time is short, I would appreciate the opportunity to speak with you directly about how we can move forward.   
  
*The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. John 10:10*

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.