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To: <u>Council Clerk – Testimony</u> **Subject:** Texas abortion ban

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Hello,

It is my understanding that the city will vote on ending relationships with Texas because of its abortion ban. I wanted to reach out to you.

One of the greatest women who ever lived was Mother Teresa. Mother Teresa once told a woman considering abortion "A child is a gift from God. If you don't want him, give him to me." She arranged for the adoption of more than 1,000 children who otherwise would have been aborted into loving families.

The idea that abortion is a "right" was made up by human beings. The truth is that abortion is a grievous sin and is never God's will.

The Bible is very clear that God is, without question, the Creator of life, and that life begins at conception. God has a plan and a purpose for each human life He creates. We don't know what God's plan is for a child's life, and what that child's contribution to humanity would be. "Thou shall not murder" is not only in the Bible, it's one of the Ten Commandments.

I urge you to do everything you can to create policy consistent with God's will.

Thank you very much, and God bless you.

In Christ, Stephanie Johnson