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[Colorado Roman] Catholic Conference does not back personhood amendment

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The Colorado [Roman] Catholic Conference said it has not endorsed a Colorado ballot measure that would grant personhood and constitutional rights to humans from the moment of conception.

The conference, which speaks for the state's three [Pope-appointed, Roman] Catholic bishops, ...

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"We commend the goal of this effort to end abortion. Individual [Roman] Catholics may choose to work for its passage," [Colorado Roman Catholic Conference Executive Director Jennifer] Kraska said.

"At the same time, we recognize that other people committed to the sanctity of life have raised serious questions about this specific amendment's timing and content," she said.

Kraska said the [Pope-appointed] Georgia [Roman] Catholic archbishops did not support a similar human-life bill tabled by the state legislature.

The [Pope-appointed] Georgia [Roman Catholic] archbishops said the bill would not effectively challenge Roe v. Wade, the 1973 landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.

"It's a political, gutless position," said Judie Brown, president of the American Life League.

"As a [Roman] Catholic, it's the most scandalous thing I've ever heard," Brown said. "I can't believe that any bishop wouldn't want to be out in the front lines helping the petitioners. The sanctity of life is a fundamental teaching of the [false Roman] Catholic Church."

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The Colorado effort is part of a national movement to win Supreme Court review of Roe v. Wade, Brown said. Montana and Mississippi also have ballot initiatives in progress for 2008; Georgia, Michigan, Ohio and Oregon were working toward a 2009 measure.

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