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Episcopal Bishop does not support Initiative 26

The Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray III, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Mississippi, released a statement this week saying he cannot support Initiative 26 because of the unintended consequences caused by the measure. Bishop Gray joins other clergy, nurses, doctors, parents and tens of thousands Mississippians who understand that this initiative is government going too far.

“I appreciate the intentions of those who have supported Proposition 26, what has been called the Personhood Amendment. I share their passion for the sanctity of human life. However, I am gravely concerned about the unintended consequences of this legislation,” the letter reads. “The moral nightmares of doctors no longer able to give preference to saving the life of the mother in such cases as an ectopic pregnancy and the uncertain impact on in-vitro fertilization are real ... While I recognize the complexities of such moral decisions and the need for each of us to make our own informed and prayerful choices, you need to know that I share the aforementioned concerns about the unintended consequences of this legislation. Thus, I cannot support Proposition 26 on the November 8th ballot in Mississippi.”

To read Bishop Gray’s statement in its entirety, go to VoteNoon26.org.

Mississippians for Healthy Families commends the Rt. Rev. Duncan M Gray III for his statement. **Mississippians for Healthy Families (MSHF)** is the voice of Vote No on 26 and comprised of women and men, doctors, attorneys, and faith leaders who understand that Initiative 26 is government interference that is bad for Mississippi's women and families. Their purpose is to educate voters on the extreme medical and legal ramifications of Initiative 26 and ensure that Mississippians know the initiative could have devastating effects on our state.

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