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CHA Statement on President Biden's FY 2022 Budget

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WASHINGTON, DC – While we appreciate that President Biden's FY22 budget calls for critical investments in family support programs, health care coverage, public health, infrastructure, affordable housing, education, food and nutrition and the environment, we are extremely disappointed that it would allow for federal funding of abortion.

Since the founding of U.S. Catholic hospitals in the 19th Century, the sanctity of human life has been at the core our mission. At a time when our country has seen so much death resulting from COVID-19, we believe the President should be solely focused on supporting the lives of those most in need, including the lives of unborn children.

We call on Congress to preserve the long-standing prohibition of federal funding for abortion and maintain the Hyde Amendment.

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