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### **Statement from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston in response to the South Carolina House of Representatives passing the death penalty bill**

CHARLESTON, SC – The Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston released the below statement in response to the South Carolina House of Representatives passing a bill regarding the death penalty. The statement should be attributed to Maria Aselage, spokesperson for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charleston.

“We are extremely disappointed that a bill reinstating access to the death penalty passed the S.C. House of Representatives today and will advance to the governor's desk for signature.

"Every person is created in the likeness of God; their lives should be protected from the time of conception until natural death. It is time for our state to abolish the death penalty, not to find new ways to execute our brothers and sisters, including by firing squad."

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