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Dear Father Hoenig:

My sincerest apologies for not replying to your letter sooner.

The question of abortion is the most difficult one that I have faced in my public life. I personally do not favor abortion.

In the public arena, we must seek a solution that balances the rights of everyone involved. Now the positions on abortion represent two extremely opposing views.

Until we reach such a solution, I reiterate my position that abortion should be a private matter without interference from the state. I feel that this is a viable position for a Roman Catholic officeholder in order to avoid religious beliefs dictating civil duty.

Very sincerely,

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