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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
Via email to heather.fleming@gov.texas.gov

RE: Statement on Scarce Healthcare Resources by the Texas Catholic Council of Bishops

Dear Governor Abbott,

Difficult times are accompanied by difficult decisions. The Bishops' Statement on allocation of healthcare resources during this pandemic is a prime example. I write to let you know the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD) is on record in support of the Statement. This was a joint decision of CTD Board and staff leadership and subsequently confirmed by a quorum of our statewide Board.

CTD is often considered the principal disability advocacy organization in end-of-life public policy discussions. The reason is straightforward; many of our members feel the value of their lives are discounted in multiple areas of society and sometimes in critical health care decisions. Our job is to ensure that rights of people with disabilities are accorded due respect. The Bishops clearly agree and reject any rationing of healthcare resources based solely on age, disability or future quality of life. Other components are realistic while this scourge is upon us and we support the entirety of the Statement.

Let us all hope these temporary guidelines are minimally used.

For A Barrier Free Texas,

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