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The Honorable _____

House of Representatives or United States Senate

Office Address of Representative or Senator

Dear Representative/Senator _____,

My name is _____, and I have lived in (**current city/state**) for (**number**) years. As a faithful Catholic and committed supporter and promoter of the Right to Life, I fully support President Trump's reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy and hope to someday see a permanent end to the horrific practice of abortion, both here and abroad.

Recently, pro-life and Catholic news outlets reported that Catholic Relief Services (CRS) was responsible for creating health referral networks in Cameroon and Nigeria with funding from USAID, which included organizations that promote abortion. In Cameroon, the project was called "Key Interventions to Develop Systems and Services for Orphans and Vulnerable Children" (KIDSS), and in Nigeria the project was called "Sustainable Mechanisms for Improving Livelihoods and Household Empowerment" (SMILE).

In the KIDSS project, CRS recruited an organization called RENATA to be a part of this network, and there is good reason to believe that CRS was providing RENATA with project funds. The problem is that in May of 2018, after the reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy, RENATA actively participated in a national effort to change legal restrictions regarding abortion.

In the SMILE project, CRS's implementing partner was an organization called ActionAid, which not only advocates for abortion on its own website, but also publicly denounced President Trump's reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy. Calling the Mexico City Policy the "Global Gag Rule," ActionAid gave full-throated support for access to abortion, saying, "ActionAid firmly believes that women should have access to their full range of sexual and reproductive rights, and this includes access to information and safe abortions."

CRS also included an organization called the Girl's Power Initiative (GPI) in the SMILE referral network. In June 2017 GPI signed on as a contributing NGO to a CEDAW statement asking for the government to reconsider its "restrictive abortion laws."

I am writing to ask you to investigate these Catholic Relief Services projects to determine whether or not CRS acted in violation of the Mexico City Policy.

Sincerely,

(Signature)

Your Name