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**Subject: Open letter on 'All of Us' event**

Dear colleagues,

We have noticed your event on February 5th in the European Parliament with the title 'All of Us - Mobilizing for abortion rights'. Our own views on abortion are clearly different as we believe in the sanctity and dignity of life, from conception until natural end.

However, quite apart from our different views on abortion and the issue of the rights of the unborn child, we are appalled at the way you promote your event. The poster you designed shows a happy circle of people, all holding hands around the issue of abortion. It is a colourful, almost festive announcement of the start of your campaign 'For abortion rights!'.

We think that, whether pro-life or pro-choice, we could at least agree that when someone needs to resort to an abortion it is a tragedy. The circumstances bringing a woman or a couple to this decision, the ending of life itself, are always difficult, emotional and dark; not easy, happy and colourful. We genuinely feel that the way you present your campaign disregards and tramples upon the struggles of so many women and couples. Also, not least, denies many years of scientific research on the psychological impact of abortion on women whose pregnancy is ended.

We therefore suggest you to promote your event and campaign in a more sober, respectful way.

Yours sincerely,

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