



July 29, 2022

Ms. Laura Shapira Karet
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Dear Ms. Karet:

We represent an Ohio statewide group of pro-life organizations, who are dismayed by Giant Eagle's recent corporate decision concerning employee benefits for abortion. Specifically, we note that in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Giant Eagle announced that it will begin to "reimburse expenses for covered family members to travel between states to access family planning services," which presumably will include abortions.

Any medical procedure designed to willfully take a human life cannot be considered as "health care." While we are acutely aware that there are many women in Ohio who are facing difficulties during pregnancy, abortion is not the answer. In fact, the vast majority of women choose abortion as a last resort because they feel alone and without assistance.

If Giant Eagle wishes to take a stance on this issue, it should consider providing benefits to mothers and families in crisis pregnancies and donating to some of the many pregnancy resource centers throughout Ohio. These organizations far outnumber abortion facilities and work on a shoe-string budget, frequently with volunteers. We invite your board members to visit some of these centers and see the excellent services and support which they provide at little or no cost to women.

We note that Giant Eagle has a 30-year history of employing physically and mentally challenged individuals and justifiably takes pride in this. If pregnant women choose to abort their child based on abnormalities, and Giant Eagle facilitates this decision, they are missing out on a beautiful blessing to their family, the community, and potential employers.

Finally, on an economic note, surely you are aware the United States' population growth has steadily slowed in recent years to the point where it is now effectively flatlined. Please consider the irreversible impact to Giant Eagle's future customer base when you subsidize abortion for your own employees. If you wish to consider your team members as part of the Giant Eagle "family," it is both hypocritical and senseless to promote the termination of future Giant Eagle family members.

We sincerely hope that you will revoke your recent policy that encourages and funds employee abortions. Many of our members are boycotting Giant Eagle while that policy is in place. Please reconsider your decision and stand for life.

Respectfully,

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