

United States Senate

June 30, 2023

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As “Pride” celebrations throughout the month of June come to a close, I write to you with a request to recognize and honor both unborn children and their mothers by flying the Pro-Life Flag prominently in front of the White House during Respect Life Month this October. Many Americans felt the White House’s Pride celebration earlier this month and the flying of the Pride flag at the White House was a statement that you and your Administration only celebrate some Americans. I sincerely hope that is not the case. By also honoring Respect Life Month later this year and flying the Pro-Life Flag, you would send a powerful statement that our country celebrates Americans of all beliefs and is committed to protecting innocent and vulnerable life.

The design of the Pro-Life Flag was created by the Pro-Life Flag Project (prolifeflag.com). The flag’s white background symbolizes the innocence of a child in the womb. The two footprints at the center of the flag represent the humanity of the unborn child. The hands above and below the footprints symbolize the mother’s love and protection for her child. The parallel pink and blue stripes show that the pregnancy involves two unique lives and that both lives are deserving of full human rights.

While I served as Governor of Nebraska, my state officially recognized this flag as the “Pro-Life flag for Nebraska.” Nebraska state law declares that it is the will of the people of the state and the members of the legislature to provide protection for the life of the unborn child whenever possible. Nebraskans live this out each and every day by volunteering at pregnancy centers, aiding expectant mothers, giving generously to young families, and taking part in prayer walks and vigils. We also worked hard to make the State of Nebraska one of the most pro-mom and pro-family employers. We provided pregnant mothers priority parking spots and nursing mothers’ rooms at state buildings. We cut maternity and childbirth health care costs and allowed teammates in state government the option to donate unused vacation leave to support expectant mothers.

I know that the commitment to protecting and loving both unborn children and mothers is not limited to Nebraskans but shared by Americans in every state and territory across our great nation. Flying the Pro-Life Flag at the White House during Respect Life Month would show the federal government stands alongside its citizens in upholding the unalienable truth that all people, including the unborn, have a right to life.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, Mr. President. I pray you receive wisdom and guidance as you lead our great nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pete Ricketts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pete" and last name "Ricketts" clearly distinguishable.

Pete Ricketts
United States Senator