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Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi
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Dear Archbishop Rodi,

We recently learned of your legal challenge to your state's new immigration law, HB 56, and we are encouraged by your efforts to put your faith into action and take a stand against the prejudice and injustice that it fosters. We, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia, are grateful for your leadership and courage. We, too, have great concern for our immigrant brothers and sisters and we look for every opportunity to speak on their behalf.

The motto you have chosen, "The love of Christ impels us" (2 Cor 5:14), is inspiring. What we find to be even more of an inspiration, though, is your willingness to *live* that motto, even facing the adverse challenges of standing up for immigrants. The stand you have taken is not an easy one. Thank you for being among those Church leaders with the valor to address this issue.

We are further encouraged by your collaboration with the leaders of the Episcopal and Methodist churches of Alabama. We extend our thoughts and our support to you and your colleagues and all those involved in taking a stand against the oppression of the poor and vulnerable. We hope that more people, especially Church leaders, will be able to follow your example of advocating on behalf of marginalized persons.

With prayerful support,

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On behalf of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia