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**Europe Stands for Life as Pro-Abortion Initiative Garners Mediocre Support**

Today, a European Citizens’ Initiative (ECI) titled **“My Voice, My Choice”** officially closed its signature collection campaign. The initiative, which calls on the European Union to **finance abortion tourism across Member States**, has gathered **hardly over 1.2 million signatures**.

While the organizers claim success, the **number of signatures is significantly less** in comparison to **ONE OF US**, the **strongest ECI in the history of the European Union**, which in 2014, mobilized **nearly 1.9 million citizens** in defense of the protection of life from conception.

The **ONE OF US European Federation** expresses its **firm opposition to the ideological initiative** of “My Voice, My Choice”, which seeks to **push abortion into the EU agenda.** As **abortion is not an EU competence**, the initiative is going against the fundamental **principles of subsidiarity and respect for the sovereignty of the European Member States**.

**Pr Tonio Borg**, President of ONE OF US and former EU Commissioner for Health, declared:

*“This result proves once again that the* ***European Union is pro-life at her core****. Despite growing ideological pressure, the* ***true values of Europe*** *– the protection of life, human dignity and love for personal and institutional freedom –* ***remain strong****. Attempts to impose abortion through the back door have failed to truly mobilize citizens. The European Commission* ***must respect the EU treaties and the clear pro-life voice of EU citizens****.”*

The **ONE OF US Federation** calls on the **European Commission** to uphold the **principle of subsidiarity** and reject any effort to finance or promote abortion at EU level.

**Defending life and dignity are the true values of the European Union.**

***The ONE OF US European Federation brings together 50 NGOs from 19 European countries. Each of them provides practical help to women and men in the field of maternity, paternity, parenthood and family life. The ONE OF US’* raison d’être *is to protect human dignity in EU policies, as asked by the 1,9 million citizens.***

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