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ABC, CBS, & NBC Declare War On The Pro-Life Movement

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Dear Pro-Life Friend,

I am writing to bring pro-life advocates like you up to date on our committee's hard-fought and ongoing battle against our nation's radically pro-abortion news media and entertainment industries.

In fact, before you read any further, let me give you fair warning that the contents of my letter will probably make you very angry.

But first, I want to invite you to become an active Sustaining Member of the National Right to Life Committee. I've enclosed a 1990-91 Sustaining Membership Card, which I hope you will accept immediately.

This card singles you out as a member of a cherished circle of Americans who are willing to make a personal sacrifice to save the lives of unborn babies.

It also symbolizes NRLC's struggle against spineless politicians, misled judges, radical feminists, and especially the arrogant members of the national media who have relentlessly promoted the horrible nightmare of abortion in America.

And finally, it commemorates the landmark 1989 Supreme Court decision in Missouri's Webster case. This decision represents the first major assault on legal abortion since the fatal 1973 Roe v. Wade decision.

In fact, for the first time in seventeen years, the U.S. Supreme Court has moved away from its position of unqualified support for abortion.

But tragically, abortion is still legal in every state. The number of abortion deaths in America staggers the imagination. An incredible 1,500,000 babies are killed every single year, AND THE MEDIA ARE SILENT ABOUT THESE BABIES.

An estimated 25,000,000 babies have been slaughtered since abortion-on-demand was legalized by the Supreme Court in 1973. In only seventeen short years, we have destroyed an entire generation of children. BUT THE MEDIA IGNORE THE DEATHS.

Abortion is legal in America throughout all nine months of pregnancy. In fact, 30% of all babies conceived in this country are killed before they ever see the light of day. BUT THE MEDIA HAVE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON THE KILLINGS.

No matter how you look at it, abortion is "killing for hire." It is done by unethical doctors who put a price tag of $250 or $300 on the life of a baby if the abortion is performed early in pregnancy. For an older baby, the price goes up.

In fact, if the abortion is one of the 15,000 performed annually in the U.S. after the baby is 30 weeks old, it has been suggested that the abortion fee should be determined by the length of the baby's foot. A long foot would mean an older baby and a higher price.

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Babies are being torn limb from limb, right in our own cities and in our own neighborhoods. But these children have no obituaries and no graves. No one mourns their deaths.

Think back to last October, when San Francisco was shaken by a major earthquake, and 66 people were killed. This tragic story of death and destruction dominated our national news for weeks.

In comparison, 171 babies are killed by legal abortion every hour of every day in America. Where are the special reports, and where is the national outpouring of grief for these silent abortion victims?

In my ten years as NRLC president, nothing has been more frustrating than the shameful and irresponsible manner in which our side of the abortion issue has been dealt with by the national news media and the American television industry.

FACT: In the area of television news reporting, our major networks--ABC, CBS, and NBC--have shown nothing but contempt for the right-to-life movement.

Pro-life supporters are commonly referred to as "extremists" or even "fanatics." In contrast, the views of anti-life people are described as "deep commitments."

The media feel perfectly justified in identifying individual pro-lifers as Catholics, Evangelicals, Fundamentalists, or members of the "radical right."

But who ever heard a news report identify an anti-lifer as an extremist, a left-winger, or even an atheist, if such were the case? Labeling pro-lifers is one way reporters try to discredit them.

FACT: Pro-life rallies, like the annual march in January which last year attracted 67,000 marchers to our nation's capital, are ignored or grossly underestimated in size.

But a dozen abortion marchers will get more coverage on the CBS Evening News, or space in The Washington Post or The New York Times, than ten thousand pro-lifers.

The "Death March" on Washington that was held in April of last year is a case in point. It was reported by the media to be one of the largest demonstrations in American history. They called it the day that would change America forever.

The news media, many of which had essentially ignored January's pro-life march even though it featured a message of support from President Bush, treated the Death March like the Academy Awards.

Every issue of The Washington Post added a new list of celebrities to the roll call of marchers. Names even appeared in the local society columns as more stars were recruited to take part. The abortion march was a glamorous event in Washington.

The roll call looked like a Who's Who of Hollywood. Jane Fonda, Glenn Close, Ellen Burstyn, Veronica Hamel, Cybill Shepherd, Susan Sarandon, Morgan Fairchild, Donna Mills, Mary Crosby, Leonard Nimoy, Meryl Streep, and Phil Donahue were there. Peter, Paul and Mary marched for death.

The news media were star-struck. All they wanted to see were famous faces. None of them mentioned the 25 million unborn babies who have died since abortion was legalized.

In sharp contrast, this past April more than 350,000 pro-life supporters from every state converged in Washington, D.C. to participate in NRLC's Rally for Life.

Unlike the previous year's Death March, this massive, national demonstration against abortion was practically blacked out by the news media. It was barely mentioned on NBC, CBS, or ABC.

There were only two short articles in The Washington Post. But the most biased coverage of the rally came from CNN. CNN, if you remember, is owned by Ted Turner, the broadcast king who refers to pro-lifers as "bozos" and "idiots."

The day of the rally CNN reported that only 60,000 pro-lifers had shown up. In reality, NRLC's Rally for Life was one of the largest demonstrations which had ever been held in American history.

FACT: In seventeen years of legal abortion, we've never seen NBC, CBS or ABC air a major news report focusing on the slaughter of the 4,200 babies who are killed by abortion every day.

We'll never see an exposé of the abortion industry on "Geraldo Rivera" or hear about the pain an unborn baby suffers during an abortion on "60 Minutes."

When national surveys show that 90% of the people who gather, write, and report our news support abortion, no wonder Americans are still in the dark about this life-and-death issue.

Unfortunately, the bad news doesn't end here. The treatment of the pro-life side of the abortion issue by the Hollywood entertainment industry is even more contemptible.

A 1983 study of our nation's "television elite" showed that an incredible 97% of Hollywood's actors, screenwriters, producers and directors supported abortion.

As a result, in recent years you and I have witnessed a virtual explosion of abortion propaganda (disguised as legitimate entertainment) on prime time network TV.

Although all three major television networks, as well as the fledgling Fox network, have featured pro-abortion story lines in prime-time dramas, NBC has led the pack.

From "St. Elsewhere" to "Cagney and Lacey," any of NBC's dramas that touches on abortion are consistently anti-life.

NBC's abortion crusade was galvanized on May 15, 1989, when the network aired a vicious pro-abortion drama. NBC described the prime-time movie Roe v. Wade as entertainment, but it was really a two-hour advertisement for Planned Parenthood.

In a follow-up discussion after the film, NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw vehemently denied the show was propaganda. Yet Roe v. Wade was applauded by Planned Parenthood and even used as a recruiting tool for the National Abortion Rights Action League.

Subsequently, the movie Roe v. Wade won two Emmy Awards, and the cast used the awards ceremony as another opportunity to give free commercials for abortion.

Not content with its pro-abortion propaganda last season, NBC continues to wave the anti-life banner.

For example, "L.A. Law"'s attorney Ann Kelsey debated leaving her law firm because she was forbidden to sue pro-life protesters for mental cruelty. Jill Eikenberry, who plays Kelsey, is a vocal anti-life advocate.

Needless to say, we can only draw one conclusion: The American entertainment industry is purposely misrepresenting the pro-life position and slandering pro-life supporters.

Never once has Hollywood faced the facts and stood up for the unborn baby. Never once has Hollywood given an explanation of why the unborn child is a living human being.

I hope these facts have convinced you of the terrible threat the television industry and news media represent in our war to end the killing of babies.

We cannot let a handful of network executives and Hollywood writers, actors, and directors poison America with their godless attitudes, which are anti-religion, anti-family, and anti-life.

As you see, I've enclosed an official NRLC Media Petition, which I urge you to sign and return to me. NRLC will forward these petitions to the presidents of NBC, ABC, CBS, and FOX.

Your name on this petition will serve notice to the networks that Americans will not tolerate their anti-life bias in reporting and gathering the news.

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It will also send a loud message to our nation's media elite that entertainment television should not promote the killing of unborn babies.

When you return your petition, I also urge you to become an active Sustaining Member of the National Right to Life Committee, just as 500,000 other Americans have done in the last seventeen years.

If you have always hated abortion, now is the time to take that first small step and become involved. You can join NRLC by making a contribution of any amount. But our average gift in the past few years has been about $25.

When you consider that babies' lives are depending directly upon our work in the courts, in the U.S. Congress, and in state legislatures, you can realize why we also encourage larger contributions--$50, $100 or even $500 or $1000 or more.

I promise you, with God as my witness, that your personal involvement will in some way contribute directly to saving an unborn baby's life.

No matter what amount you send, your petition and contribution will be a powerful weapon in our fight to end the dark cloud of legal abortion that has hung over America for the past seventeen years.

Thank you for reading this letter. Having you on our side is of the utmost importance. I pray you will think about the millions of lives hanging in the balance and generously support our lifesaving work.

Sincerely,

John C. Willke, M.D.
President

P.S. Above all, pray for the unborn babies of America. They need your help as they have never needed it before. Don't let them down. If we ignore their cries today, they won't be here tomorrow.

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signature
is a sustaining member in good standing and is entitled to all the rights thereof.

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JOHN C. WILLKE, M.D., PRESIDENT

MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

You Can Help Save Lives

If you have always opposed abortion but have never become involved, now is the time to act. **Your immediate support will make a difference.**

PLEASE KEEP this membership card

#1–Become an active NRLC Sustaining Member by making a financial contribution.

#2–Sign the official NRLC MEDIA PETITION below to protest the dishonest way in which the news and entertainment industry treat the abortion issue.

REPLY HERE

Dr. Willke:

I realize that my immediate involvement as an active NRLC Sustaining Member will contribute directly toward saving unborn lives.

I've checked below the amount of my contribution. I want to help the National Right to Life Committee stand up for the helpless babies who cannot defend themselves.

☐ $1,000 ☐ $500 ☐ $250

☐ $100 ☐ $50 ☐ $35

☐ $25 ☐ Other $_____

(Please make checks payable to the National Right to Life Committee. We regret that the federal government does not allow your contribution to be tax deductible for income tax purposes.)

I hope you can send at least this much. Don't forget to sign your petition. NRLC will forward it to the networks. JCW

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MEDIA PETITION

TO

Robert C. Wright, President
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FOX Television Network

Laurence A. Tisch, President
Columbia Broadcasting System

WHEREAS: The American news media have failed to tell viewers the truth about legal abortion. They are either ignoring or callously minimizing the fact that whenever an abortion is performed, a baby dies;

WHEREAS: The entertainment media have depicted abortion as an accepted practice, portraying abortionists as intelligent, caring individuals, and pro-life advocates as heartless, unreasoning fanatics;

THEREFORE: As a viewer, I call upon NBC, CBS, ABC, and FOX to reverse their pro-abortion position, especially in their news reporting. The American people must understand that abortion kills 1.5 million babies every year in the United States, and that rational alternatives to abortion are available.

Signature _____

Abortion stops a beating heart