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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for your recent message regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Edward F. Thomas
5023 East Forge Avenue
Mesa, AZ 85206

cc: Ed Meese

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EDWARD F. THOMAS

5023 E. Forge Ave.
Mesa, Ariz. 85206

July 11, 1981

Hon. Edwin Meese III
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Meese:

Congratulations on the appointment of Sandra O'Connor to the Supreme Court.

While I do not know the lady, her qualifications stand out like a beacon in the night. Cheers for naming a woman, and such a terrific one.

My only regret is that the President sees fit to humble himself to solicit the endorsement of the lunatic fringe leaders like Jesse Helms, Jerry Farwell and their ilk whose knee-jerk reaction was to be expected.

The President does not owe his election to these extreme rightwingers who don the cloak of "conservatives."

He owes his election to real conservatives like Barry Goldwater who worked for years up and down this country to win acceptance for conservatism. And I think he owes it to lifelong Republicans like me who returned to the Republican Party because we could not stand another day having Jimmie Carter and his Georgia rednecks in the White House.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
16 July 1981

Dear Mr. Sorrell:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

The President chose Judge O'Connor because of her distinguished judicial career after careful evaluation and an investigation conducted by the Attorney General. The President personally met and interviewed Judge O'Connor and is convinced she shares his views on social issues. You will find, after careful review, that some misleading statements have been made about her distinguished career. Please know that I will always be most interested in your comments and thoughts.

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

Mr. James R. Sorrell
415 Village Lane
Boise, ID 83702

cc: Ed Meese

EM: EWT: gjc
EM-25
JAMES ROBERT SORRELL

July 8, 1981

Mr. President,

Any American who says he believes in God, a creator, could not be for anyone who advocates the murder of a child while it is still in the womb ("a kangaroo is still a kangaroo at conception and in the pouch"). Please do not place a "murder advocate" on the Supreme Court; only Jehovah, in the Old Testament, could judge; she was Sincerely, blessed by God to do so

Jim Sorrell

Jim Sorrell
475 Village Lane
Boise, Idaho 83702

P.S.

God 'creates,' as well, the time of conception, the time of beginning existence. It is not up to man to call it just as he sees it; we are flawed. God is not.
16 July 1981

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Reiboldt:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

The President chose Judge O'Connor because of her distinguished judicial career after careful evaluation and an investigation conducted by the Attorney General. The President personally met and interviewed Judge O'Connor and is convinced she shares his views on social issues. You will find, after careful review, that some misleading statements have been made about her distinguished career. Please know that I will always be most interested in your comments and thoughts.

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Max Reiboldt
1508 Rambling Way
Shreveport, LA 71105

cc: Ed Meese

EM:EWT:gjc
EM-25
IF JUDGE SANDRA D. O'CONNOR IS APPOINTED TO THE US SUPREME COURT I WILL NOT SUPPORT PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PROGRAM FROM THIS POINT FORWARD.

MR AND MRS MAX REIBOLDT
1508 RAMBLING WAY
SHREVEPORT LA 71105

18:54 EST

MGMCOMP
16 July 1981

Dear Mr. Prior:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Conner to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

The President chose Judge O'Connor because of her distinguished judicial career after careful evaluation and an investigation conducted by the Attorney General. The President personally met and interviewed Judge O'Connor and is convinced she shares his views on social issues. You will find, after careful review, that some misleading statements have been made about her distinguished career. Please know that I will always be most interested in your comments and thoughts.

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Richard Prior
1549 Barclay
St. Paul, MN 55106

cc: Ed Meese

EM: EWT: gjc
EM-25
THOUSANDS MINNESOTA PROLIFE PROFAMILY PEOPLE OPPOSE ARIZONA'S SANDRA O'CONNOR FOR SUPREME COURT PLEASE WITHDRAW HER NAME IMMEDIATELY AS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE WE DEMAND STRONG PROLIFE ADVOCATE WE WORK HARD PASSING DETROIT'S REPUBLICAN PLATFORM AND WILL NOT TOLERATE PRO ABORTION ERA IY ADVOCATE PROFAMILY LOBBY INC

11:23 EST

MGMCOMP
July 16, 1981

Dear Isabel:

This is to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for your letter of recent date regarding the nomination of Sandra O'Connor for the U. S. Supreme Court.

Your support of Judge O'Connor is greatly appreciated, as is your taking the time to express that support.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Isabel A. Burgess
Transportation Consultant
The Watergate
2500 Virginia Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.  20037

MLF:FRD:fd
Mr. Max Friedersdorf  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Max:

Enclosed is a letter to President Reagan endorsing his nomination of Sandra O'Connor for the United States Supreme Court. As you can see Sandra and I are old friends who have worked in the political hustings together. She's exceptionally talented and will do us all proud.

It would give me great pleasure if I can be of help during the campaign for her confirmation.

Isn't it odd that the only voices in opposition to her appointment focus on the single issue of abortion as if that will be the total concern of the Supreme Court for now and ever more!

With my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Isabel A. Burgess

Enclosure
July 10, 1981

The Honorable
Ronald Reagan
President
of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court was truly an inspiration -- you couldn't have made a better selection as Sandra is a rare person possessing:

1. a keen, quick and analytical mind;
2. an innate sense of common sense;
3. and both charm and humor

Barry Goldwater, Sandra and I all lived in Phoenix's Biltmore Precinct where she was our legislative district chairman. When I resigned from the Arizona State Senate to accept an appointment by President Nixon to the National Transportation Safety Board in October 1969, Sandra was appointed at my request, to the Arizona Senate.

Mr. President, as you say she is a "woman for all seasons" an extraordinary gifted person who will be a credit to you and to our nation as a member of the Supreme Court.

If I can help in any way to assure her Senate confirmation, I shall be proud to do so.

With my best wishes.

Respectfully yours,

Isabel A. Burgess

cc: The Honorable Elizabeth Dole
Max L. Friedersdorf
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 17, 1981

Dear Howard:

Thank you so much for your recent mailgram and kind words on the article which appeared in the Chicago Tribune. I appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Sandra O'Conner is an excellent choice and I love my work here, but appreciate your thinking of me. I know you are enjoying your new role and doing an outstanding job.

Again, thanks for your thoughtfulness, and all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President for Public Liaison

The Honorable Howard Kaufman
2134 North Racine
Chicago, Illinois 60614
July 20, 1981

Dear Don:

Your recent letter concerning the President's nomination of Judge Sandra O'Connor for the U. S. Supreme Court is certainly appreciated.

The President stands behind this nomination and is hopeful that early hearings can be held and her confirmation voted upon by the Senate as soon as possible.

With thanks and cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

Honorable Don Nickles
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

MLE:alh
July 7, 1981

Mr. Max Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Max:

I appreciated your responsiveness to the concerns that I expressed during our phone conversation yesterday.

Pursuant to that conversation, I have enclosed a memo which lists some of the known stances and votes cast by Judge O'Connor when she was serving as a State Senator in Arizona.

As I state in the memo, documentation is due to arrive in Washington this morning and I will make certain that you receive the pertinent information.

Thanks again, for your assistance in this most crucial matter. I am certain that the President will want to review this new information and reconsider O'Connor as a potential Supreme Court Justice in light of this news on her past votes.

Sincerely,

Don Nickles
U.S. Senator

DN/lck
MEMO

To: MAX FRIEDERSDORF, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

From: SENATOR DON NICKLES

Re: POTENTIAL SUPREME COURT NOMINEE, SANDRA D. O'CONNOR

Date: JULY 7, 1981

It has come to my attention that President Reagan is considering nominating Sandra D. O'Connor to fill the Supreme Court vacancy. The article in Thursday's Washington Post, July 2, 1981, highlighted O'Connor's past experience and the good standing that she has among her peers, both of which appear impeccable.

However, I have received several phone calls from concerned individuals who provided me with information on O'Connor's votes as a State Senator in Arizona regarding abortion. As you are probably aware, the appointment of a Supreme Court Justice is the single most important issue to pro-life people because of the role that such a person who is well-versed in this issue could play on the Court.

The following information has been provided to me from Trudy Camp, a former Arizona State Senator and colleague of O'Connor's. Some of the votes can be documented and such records are on their way to your office. While other votes were not recorded, three former State Senators have volunteered to testify, in affidavit form, that such votes were cast by O'Connor.

1970 Voted for a bill that was before the State Judiciary Committee that provided for abortion on demand.

1973 Prime Sponsor of S. 1190, a bill that established a Family Planning Program with provisions for "surgical procedures" and the dissemination of contraceptives to minors without parental consent. "Surgical procedures", as used in the context of the bill can only mean either sterilization or abortion.

April 23, 1974 Voted against House Resolution #2002, a resolution memorializing Congress to pass a human life amendment, in the State Judiciary Committee. Vote: 4-2.
May 8, 1974

Voted against House Resolution #2002 in the Republican Caucus. Vote: 9-9. This caucus vote prevented the resolution from being considered by the full Senate.

Voted against a bill to prohibit the University of Arizona Medical Center from performing abortions, except when necessary to save the life of the mother. Passed: 21-9.
Copy of this let sent to Jean Crispin 9-17-81

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22 July 1981

Dear Mr. Plattes:

Thank you for your recent message regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

The President chose Judge O'Connor because of her distinguished judicial career after careful evaluation and an investigation conducted by the Attorney General. The President personally met and interviewed Judge O'Connor and is convinced she shares his views on many issues. Please know that I will always be most interested in your comments and thoughts.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEES III
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Cyril W. Plattes
2837 Snow Circle
Bloomington
St. George, UT 84770

cc: Ed Meese

EM:ET:gjc
EM-25A
8 July 1981

Mr. Edwin Meese III
Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. Meese:

Congratulations to our great president for his appointment of Mrs. O'Connor!

It is one of the greatest appointments ever made by ANY president. It speaks for Mr. Reagan's flexibility, his integrity on keeping his campaign promises, and his courage. All these are qualities we have not seen in the White House for decades.

I enclose a letter copy to Senator Helms - not exactly one of my favorite people even tho he is a Republican. I can understand Mr. Reagan's problems when he has to deal with these diverse philosophies and endeavor to hold them in line on the major issues.

Again, congratulations to President Reagan. ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

Sincerely yours,

Cyril W. Plattes
8 July 1981

Hon. Jesse Helms
U.S. Senator
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Senator Helms:

As a life-long Republican - I am 66 years of age - I wish to protest your strong arm tactics on the so-called right-to-life issue.

The latest development really irks me. Apparently the anti-abortionists are organizing to block the confirmation of Mrs. O'Connor. One of the most brilliant appointments made by any president.

If this materializes, the wrath of the electorate will descend upon your movement. You just cannot pursue this fanatical philosophy which is contrary to the majority opinion of the electorate and expect to emerge unscathed.

Some of us believe that abortion, or termination of pregnancy, is the inherent right of the human being bearing the fetus. Some of us believe that there is no prima facie life until the cord is tied; that while the fetus is DEPENDENT upon the human carrying it, there is no independent life.

Regardless of what the fanatic right-to-lifers do, there will be abortions. There is no way you can prevent them - no way whatsoever. You had better channel your efforts to IMPROVING LIFE STYLES FOR THOSE HUMANS IN THIS COUNTRY WHO HAVE BEEN BORN AND WHO ARE LIVING IN CRIME POVERTY AND DEGREDATION.

Having said this, I wish to conclude with a repetition. The wrath of the people will descend upon you if you persist. And don't you forget it.

Sincerely yours,

Cyril W. Platter

cc: Mr. Edwin Meese III
Office of the President
22 July 1981

Dear Mr. Devine:

Thank you for your recent message regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

The President chose Judge O'Connor because of her distinguished judicial career after careful evaluation and an investigation conducted by the Attorney General. The President personally met and interviewed Judge O'Connor and is convinced she shares his views on many issues. Please know that I will always be most interested in your comments and thoughts.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counselor to the President

Mr. Samuel L. Devine
Bricker & Eckler
Suite 1150
1301 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

cc: Ed Meese

EM:ET:gjc
EM-25A
July 9, 1981

Mr. Edwin Meese III
Counselor to the President
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Ed:

I applaud the President's decision in the selection of Sandra O'Connor as Justice on the United States Supreme Court. I think I have impeccable conservative credentials, and I am not at all troubled by her voting record or performance on the bench in Arizona.

What does trouble me is the myopic vision of single-issue, special-interest groups that take the unrealistic position that you are virtually a communist unless you march to their drums on every issue.

Please express my support and best wishes to the President.

Sincerely,

Samuel L. Devine

SLD:a
22 July 1981

Dear Mr. Shea:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

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Sincerely,

EDWIN MEISE III
Counsellor to the President

X

Mr. Tom Shea
1001 Park Avenue
Richmond, VA 23220

cc: Ed Meese

EM:EWT:gjc
EM-25
Dear Mr. President, I am writing to express my strong disapproval and disappointment over your choice of nomination to the Supreme Court. The Republican Party platform, as well as you personally in your campaign, called for the appointment of judges who respect the rights of the unborn. Now you have reneged on this commitment. Many of those who voted for you did so because of your pro-life stand, and consequently many of these same people have supported your other programs (i.e. the budget + tax cuts) because of your supposed stand on abortion. It is one thing to alienate some Democrats + the NAACP, but quite another to alienate your own constituency. Even though you may not run for re-election, you're going to find the remaining 3 years very frustrating + disappointing if you lose the support of your constituency. If possible, I urge to please honor your campaign pledge & reconsider your nomination.
22 July 1981

Dear John:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

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Sincerely,

EDWIN MEES III
Counsellor to the President

Mr. John H. Norton
Norton, Piazza, Melmed & Ackerly
Post Office Box 518
Fairfield, CT 06430

cc: Ed Meese

EM:EWT:keb
EM-25
Edwin Meese III, Esq.

Dear Ed,    July 7, 1981

Well over one year ago a professional conservative political operator in Washington told me Reagan could not win. (I don't want to identify him because he is strongly pro-Reagan now and I think he simply made a mistake.) He was for Connally. He is also a Right to Lifer.

I pointed out to my friend that I thought the right to life movement was probably the most cohesive and most powerful of all the lobbies because of their dedication. These people are involved because of deep religious convictions. There is no greater motivation than that — and there never will be. That's why you have to pay attention.
to them. These sincere convictions make them zealous and tireless workers.

I think the Right to Lifers have enormous influence — and it is underrated, I believe, by many political observers. And, I think it's going to get stronger and stronger!

When Connally equivocated on abortion, he lost their respect and trust. When President Reagan came out forthrightly against abortion, they believed him and were willing to forget his "mistake" in California on the same issue. I told my friend all this and suggested he support Reagan instead. But, I think he was contractually involved and it was too late. I'm sure he's happy now that he failed in his task. (And I won a $10 bet.)

The appointment of O'Conner can be the beginning of very, very serious erosion of a Reagan presidency. If O'Conner prevails, I think irreparable harm will be done. The emotional intensity of this issue is immense! The Right to Life influence permeates at all levels. There is an amazing camaraderie.
among these people. If O'Connor goes on the
beach, it will mean the right to life people
will never again trust the President —
especially since they already forgave him
for his "California Mistake". That will be
disastrous for the country. Speaking in
cold terms, it just isn't worth it. The
President's effectiveness could easily go down
the drain — no matter how smoothly
he handles TV — they simply won't
trust him on any issue.

Ed, I'm sure you realize by now
that nobody wants President Reagan to succeed
more than I! I've never worked so hard
quietly for someone in public life. I think
the President is genuine and smart. But, this
could be a mistake with more far-reaching
effects than he realizes. It's not just one
issue; this is an overpowering, basic issue
which will affect all the other issues to
follow. I cannot think of another issue
which will do so much damage to his presidency. It's like the opposition cooked it up to divide the President's support. The steam will be taken out of the President's staunchest advocates. The President's opponents will be rooting for this appointment because it will accomplish what they never could do in a frontal attack on his economic programs.

I hope for the sake of the country that the nomination is withdrawn before more damage is done to the President's overall program. The longer the wait, the greater the damage will be. People will forgive and continue their trust if they believe the President honestly was not aware of the nominee's pro-abortion record.

I'm writing this now because the office staff has left for the day. I'm sending a copy to Paul Lapham and the President because I intended to write to Paul, but I see now long this is going to
be and I would like him to hear these points. Paul knows where my heart lies in regard to President Reagan and his administration.

I pray this will all work out best for the good of the country.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

John

P.S. Ed,

I'm not discussing personal convictions about this. I'm speaking about the effects of such an appointment on the Reagan presidency.

John
22 July 1981

Dear Adrian:

Thank you for your recent message regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

Miss Adrian A. Kragen
Law Building
University of California
Berkeley, CA

cc: Ed Meese

EM: ET: keb
EM-25A
The Hon. Edwin Meese  
Counselor to President Reagan  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500  

Dear Ed,

I want to add my voice to the many others you have received in support of the nomination of Justice O'Connor. I do not know Justice O'Connor, but everything I have read indicates to me that it is a superb appointment. I believe that she fulfills the qualifications that Justice Stewart expressed in his press conference.

As you know, I believe that appointments to the Supreme Court are the most important that the President has to make. This first one indicates a belief in quality that gives us who are interested in the Court confidence in the future.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Adrian A. Kragen

AAK:swe
22 July 1981

Dear Mrs. Potuzak:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

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Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

Mrs. Katherine Potuzak
25 Davis Avenue
Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

cc: Ed Meese

EM:EWT:gjc
EM-25
FIRST, LET ME THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE GOOD YOU HAVE DONE, BUT SOME 
ENEMY HAS INDUCED THE PRESIDENT TO INSULT EVERY PROREAGAN WOMAN IN 
THE COUNTRY, PARTICULARLY THOSE LIKE MYSELF WHO SACRIFICED TO HELP 
ELECT HIM. AS SENATOR HELMS KNOWS, I GAVE $10000.00 BECAUSE LIKE ALL 
PROREAGAN PEOPLE, I BELIEVED HIM WHEN HE SAID HE WOULD BE AGAINST ERA 
AND ABORTION, NOT FURTHER THEM, HE HAS NOW PROPOSED A PRO ERA 
PROABORTION FEMINIST TO BE A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DESPITE THE FACT 
THAT THE ALL MALE COURT, RECOGNIZING THE FEELING OF AMERICAN WOMEN 
tOWARD FEMINISTS THEY DO NOT TRUST THEM JUST SLAPPED DOWN THE FE 
MINISTS FOR THEIR CRUELTY IN WANTING TO DRAFT WOMEN INTO COMBAT, 
PLEASE TELL MR REAGAN WOMEN DO NOT WISH JUSTICES CHOSEN ON ACCOUNT OF 
SEX THAT IS PATRONIZING AND DEGRADING TO WOMEN BUT SELECTED BECAUSE 
of ABILITY, GOOD MORAL VALUES, AND AMERICAN CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES, 
WILL YOU PERSUADE MR REAGAN TO WITHDRAW HER NAME, A FEMINIST ON THE 
COURT IS MORE DETRIMENTAL TO AMERICA THAN THE MOST LIBERAL MALE 
JUSTICE, FEMINISTS ARE NEVER KNOWN TO BE PROFAMILY.

MRS KATHERINE POTUZAK
25 DAVIS AVE
PORT JEFFERSON STATION NY 11776

18456 EST

MGMCOMP
22 July 1981

Dear Mr. Reed:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

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Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

X

Mr. Fred Q. Reed
Post Office Box 2323
Victoria, TX 77901

cc: Ed Meese

EM: EWT: gjc
EM-25
Mr. Ed Meese
Presidential Advisor
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Meese,

I have just learned of the possible intent of Sandra O'Connor to step down from the 4th Supreme Court. She is from Arizona and I know her well. She is such a heavy weight - you are packing a punch from The bottom of the barrel. Have you checked with Barry, The Arizona Bar Association, etc. Bill Mahoney, Don, etc. Tom Zavy, Federal Judge etc. Francis Dornier of The 9th Circuit Supreme Court.

I remember her when she couldn't find her way to the court house - she had no backbone. But maybe Ronald was a hard one...
In truth, one can do better
Don't expect to make any
point with you — I'm
just one of those faithful
supporting members of the
Republican national commit-
tee which in any 40-
year
know many people there
beneath the thin skin of a
thought

Very sincerely
Fred Q. Reed

apply if you so desire

SHE IS A NICE
GIRL BUT NOT
THE QUALITY OF
THE W.S. COURT
OF WASHINGTON D.C.

Look around a little.
22 July 1981

Dear Dr. Maguire:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

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Sincerely,

EDWIN MEES III
Counsellor to the President

A. J. Maguire, M.D.
45569 Van Dyke Road
Utica, MI 48087

cc: Ed Meese

EM: EWT: gjo
EM-25
Mr. & Mrs. Meer
The White House
Washington D.C. 20510

July 7, 1981

Dear Mr. Meer,

I appear Mr. Ronald is veering away from his promise. The return of morality deserve a higher priority.

I would not advice that he be hasty about Supreme Court Appointment. Some formal training in ethical ethics should be mandatory.

Thanks for all your previous good work.

Sincerely,

A. J. Maguire, A.B., B.S., M.D.
45569 Van Dyke Road
Utica, Michigan 48087
Dear Mrs. Dake:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

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Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

Mrs. Dorothy Dake
Route 1, Box 103-A
Chester, NE 68327

cc: Ed Meese

EM:EWT:gjc
EM-25
Mr. Ed Meese  
Councelor to the President  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Meese:

I'm writing this letter to oppose the nomination of Sandra J. O'Connor to the Supreme Court - because she is Pro Abortion, Pro E.R.A, and an extreme Feminist!

As a Christian woman and a member of Concerned Women for America - I cannot support such a nomination!

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Dorothy Dake
22 July 1981

Dear Mr. Sundermeier:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the President's appointment of Judge Sandra O'Connor to be an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court.

The President chose Judge O'Connor because of her distinguished judicial career after careful evaluation and an investigation conducted by the Attorney General. The President personally met and interviewed Judge O'Connor and is convinced she shares his views on social issues. You will find, after careful review, that some misleading statements have been made about her distinguished career. Please know that I will always be most interested in your comments and thoughts.

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III
Counsellor to the President

Mr. Ken Sundermeier
4502 Wichita Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44144

cc: Ed Meese

EM: EWT: keb
EM-25
The Human Life Connection
FETAL DEVELOPMENT

Fertilization
- a genetically complete individual is present.

18 days
- heart starts to beat.

3 weeks
- 1/10 inch long; has beginning of eyes, spinal cord, nervous system, lungs, stomach and intestines.

4 weeks
- arms and legs forming.

6 weeks
- skeleton is complete; reflexes present.

43 days
- brain activity can be recorded.

6½ weeks
- facial features visible; swims and moves freely.

7 weeks
- fingers, toes and ears present.

8 weeks
- brain is complete; baby is capable of feeling pain; all body systems are present; sucks thumb, wakes and sleeps.

9 weeks
- squints, swallows, moves tongue; sex hormones are present.

11 weeks
- all body systems are functioning; breathes fluid steadily.

12 weeks
- 3½ inches tall; has fingernails; recoils from pain if pricked with a pin; vocal cords are complete.

16 weeks
- 5½ inches tall; weighs 6 oz.; eyelashes and eyebrows present; grasps with hands.

17 weeks
- 8 to 10 inches tall; genital organs clearly differentiated; swims, kicks and turns somersaults.

20 weeks
- survival outside womb is possible.

22 weeks
- skin, hair and nails grow.

26 weeks
- weighs 1 lb.; responds to light and sound; can hear beat of mother's heart.

GENERAL COMPLICATIONS

Immediate complications from any abortion method could include the following:
- Infection (this can also occur 2 to 3 weeks after the abortion).
- Excessive blood loss.
- Perforation of the uterus.
- Incomplete abortion. This could result in delayed hemorrhaging.
- Permanent damage to the cervix. (This is most common in first pregnancy abortions, resulting from forcible dilation of the cervix.)

Future complications from any abortion method may not even occur for years.
- Sterility (scarring due to infection or laceration of the uterus).
- Miscarriage from cervical damage.
- Increase in ectopic pregnancy from scarring.
- Rh factor sensitization.
- Premature birth due to cervical damage. (Premature birth is the primary cause of infant mortality and the major cause of mental retardation in children.)
- Increase in fetal death during pregnancy and labor.
- Depression and guilt.
ABORTION PROCEDURE

Menses Extraction/Menstrual Regulation
- performed 5-17 days after missed period; pregnancy cannot be confirmed at this stage;
- tube inserted into uterus; lining of uterus sucked out; fetal tissue sucked out with lining.

Suction
- performed 6-12 weeks
- cervix anesthetized with local anesthetic (shot of Novocaine into cervix); cervix dilated (can be painful); tubing inserted into uterus; vacuum pressure tears baby to pieces and sucks pieces into bottle. Suction takes 20-40 seconds. Wall then scraped with curette; whole procedure takes 10 minutes.

Dilation and Curettage/D&C
- performed 12-16 weeks
- general anesthetic used (greater risk). Usually done in hospital; requires overnight stay. Cervix dilated; spoon-shaped curette inserted and baby and placenta cut to pieces and scraped out.

Salt/Hypertonic Saline
- performed 16-23 weeks
- doctor numbs small area 2 inches below navel; long needle inserted into amniotic sac; 2 oz. amniotic fluid withdrawn; 200 milligrams saline injected; baby breathes and swallows salt; baby is poisoned, struggles, convulses and dies. After baby dies, labor begins from 6-48 hours later and usually a dead baby is delivered.

Prostaglandins
- 16-24 weeks
- small area numbed on abdomen; long needle inserted into uterus; prostaglandin inserted into uterus causes it to go into labor and to expel baby.

Dilation & Evacuation/D&E
- performed 13-20 weeks
- general anesthetic; cervix dilated; tubing inserted into uterus; (tubing larger to account for the increased size of baby); placenta and baby sucked out. Forceps used when necessary to crush skull and remove large bone fragments; uterine walls scraped to make sure all tissue removed.

Hysterotomy/Mini-Caesarian
- performed 2nd and 3rd trimester
- one incision in abdominal wall just above pubic bone; another incision in uterine wall; baby and placenta removed.

COMPLICATIONS

Menses Extraction/Menstrual Regulation
The fetus is too small to be certain that it is completely removed; also, risk of infection.
A follow-up pregnancy test is necessary to determine if fetal tissue is present.

Suction
Woman may experience severe cramping as well as infection and hemorrhage.

Dilation and Curettage/D & C
May result in perforation of the uterus as well as infection and hemorrhage.

Salt/Hypertonic Saline
Afterbirth often retained, requiring D & C or even hysterotomy or hysterectomy. If abortion does not occur, a hysterotomy or even hysterectomy would be necessary.
Some babies are born alive.
Salt solution decreases the ability of the mother's blood to clot. Salt solution could enter the mother's blood stream. This could cause shock, cardiac arrest, toxemia, convulsions or brain damage.
Maternal death rate is the highest with this form of abortion.

Prostaglandins
The baby is usually born alive. Very few are developed enough to live for more than a few hours.
This procedure is more likely to cause major complications and hospital readmission than saline.
This method can cause vomiting, shock, intense and lengthy pain, and irregularities in pulse and blood pressure.

Dilation & Evacuation/D & E
Since uterine wall increasingly spongy and thin in advanced stages of pregnancy, danger of cervical damage and uterine perforation increases.
Some medical personnel find this method traumatic since they must reconstruct the remains of a larger baby to insure a complete abortion.

Hysterotomy/Mini-Caesarian
The baby is usually born alive.
Scar tissue on uterus could require cesarean delivery in subsequent pregnancies.
This method would include all risks inherent in any major surgical procedure.
Abortion undermines society. With the acceptance of abortion, this country has seen an increase in child abuse, abuse of the elderly and deterioration of family life. An unplanned or unwanted pregnancy poses problems for the mother and father that also extend into the community. We have an obligation to protect not only the unborn, but to provide adequate solutions for women facing troubled and problem pregnancies.

Abortion is not the answer to the woman's real needs. The incidence of repeat abortions bears this out. We, as a society, must help solve the problems and social inadequacies which force women to seek abortions.

The Right to Life Society of Greater Cleveland, Inc., is a group of concerned people dedicated to preserving and protecting human life from the moment of fertilization until natural death. Not only do we support a Human Life Amendment to protect all members of society, both born and unborn, but we offer our services to help the pregnant woman. Through referrals she can obtain proper medical attention and social services needed to help her through a difficult pregnancy. Call. We would like to help you.

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LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Was founded on October 1st, 1978. It is an organization through which Lutherans unite to share dialogue and to give a common witness within the church and society to their concerns for the value and dignity of all human life.

HERE’S WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW

Communicate with others in your church and other Lutheran churches about pro-life issues.

Recruit others to join you in an affirmative pro-life position.

Organize a local chapter of Lutherans For Life.

Witness! Speak out for those who cannot defend themselves.

Together our common efforts will be effective in restoring the sanctity of life to a prominent position in America.
PHILOSOPHY

Believing that the Church’s witness is most authentic when it speaks and acts on behalf of those who are victims of exploitation and are defenseless against the powers of this world, Lutherans For Life strives to develop a society of caring mutuality for a wide range of human needs. However, the crisis at this point in time requires that we have a special concern for the pre-born child.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE
WILL HELP YOU

* Witness to your conviction about the sanctity of life.
* Organize local chapters and state federations to respond to those in need of help.
* Establish state federations to coordinate activities in each state.
* Supply information on materials and resources that educate the uninformed.

IN CARRYING OUT ITS PHILOSOPHY LFL WILL

* Strengthen the existing common bond of concern for life among Lutherans.
* Gather and share pertinent information related to life concerns.
* Develop and distribute educational materials.
* Identify resource people who can speak and write on behalf of the organization.
* Monitor public and private action in order to enhance the right to life.
* Respond to and cooperate with other groups in society who share our common concern.
* Examine and correct popular and misleading stereotypes regarding pro-life advocacy.
LUTHERANS FOR LIFE IN ACTION

* Has begun extensive organization of local chapters and state federations.

* Has participated in the observance of Right-to-Life Day, January 22, at the federal and state levels.

* Has asked President Carter to appoint pro-life, pro-family people to his women's advisory commission.

* Has urged Lutheran colleges and seminaries to observe a National Right-to-Life Day.

* Has supported national efforts on behalf of a Right-to-Life Amendment.

* Has offered support to young Lutherans who are defendants in litigation in Indiana.

* Has initiated student chapters of LFL on Lutheran college campuses.

* Has begun regular publication of a newsletter.
Dear Mr. Meese,

God Bless you. In light of the Reagan administration's choice for Supreme Court it is your duty to protest. The Pro-Life movement has been lied to. This is a very serious matter. I realize that it is being very much shrugged off, but nevertheless it is extremely serious.

As a Christian how can you be involved in such fraud and deceit, especially over such a serious matter as the killing of innocent little babies before they are born.

I believe that it is your duty to resign and to make it very clear to the nation as to the reasons why.

If you do not take such steps how can you answer to Christ? Or have you lost your conscience and commitment to Christ.

yours in Jesus

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RESOLUTION 3-02A
1979 Convention The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, St. Louis, Missouri

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod throughout its history has spoken in convention to condemn "willful abortion as contrary to the will of God"; and

WHEREAS, We as members of Christian congregations have the obligation to protest this heinous crime against the will of God legally sanctioned in the United States and other lands; and

WHEREAS, The practice of abortion, its promotion, and legal acceptance are destructive of the moral consciousness and character of the people of any nation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod in convention urgently call upon Christians

1. To hold firmly to the clear Biblical truths that, (a) the living but unborn are persons in the sight of God from the time of conception (Job 10:9-11; Psalm 51:5; 139:13-17; Jer. 1:5; Luke 1:41-44); (b) as persons the unborn stand under the full protection of God's own prohibition against murder (Gen. 9:6; Ex. 20:13; Num. 35:33; Acts 7:19; 1 John 3:15); and (c) since abortion takes a human life, abortion is not a moral option, except as a tragically unavoidable by product of medical procedures necessary to prevent the death of another human being, viz. the mother; and

2. To speak and act as responsible citizens on behalf of the living but unborn in the civic and political arena to secure for these defenseless persons due protection under the law; and

3. To offer as an alternative to abortion supportive understanding, compassion and help to the expectant parent(s) and family, and to foster concern for unwanted babies, encouraging Lutheran agencies and families to open hearts and homes to their need for life in a family;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Synod earnestly encourage its pastors, teachers, officers and boards

1. To warn publically and privately (Prov. 31:8-9) against the sin of abortion;

2. To instruct the community of God that abortion is not in the realm of Christian liberty, private choice, personal opinion, or political preference;

3. To nurture a deep reverence and gratitude for God's gracious gift of human life;

4. To oppose in a responsible way attitudes and policies in congregations, schools, hospitals, Lutheran Social Service agencies, and other institutions within their sphere of influence and work which suggest that abortion is a matter of personal choice;

5. To support the efforts of responsible pro-life groups in their communities, e.g., "Lutherans For Life" (CTCR Report, CW, p. 74); and

6. To promote clear instruction of Christian morality in homes, schools, and churches of the Synod, showing the blessings and safeguards inherent in God's will for sexual chastity before marriage and faithfulness in marriage; and

7. To teach the biological, social and parental functions of childbearing within our Lutheran schools and churches; and

8. To support the efforts to secure the Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
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