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Dear Pro-Life Supporter,

On June 9, 2010, a twenty-year-old Alabama girl wrote to us to say of our abortion photos: “I think it is a great way to inform people that this injustice is really happening and we all need to do something about it.” “Do something” are the operative words here but in fact, abortion pictures are such a “great way to inform people” that on June 1, 2010, a thirty-two-year-old woman from Honolulu who had also seen our abortion pictures told us that she had been “browsing through [the] internet [to decide] if I should have an abortion. Now I don’t want it, even if it means losing my man.” Our pictures moved this mother to spare the life of her baby but CBR’s abortion photos also inspire viewers to fight for the lives of other people’s babies.

On May 15, 2010, a fifteen-year-old girl from Harrisburg, PA told us: “I knew abortion was always wrong, but visiting this website makes me want to do something about it. I can barely look at the pictures ....” On June 24, 2010, a nineteen-year-old girl from Kyle, TX saw our photos and wrote to say: “... it's time people stand up and tell one another just exactly what is going on. No one ever wants to see it (images, videos, etc.) but they will condone it. It is time we all realize the horrible impact we are making if we keep our mouths shut.” On July 10, 2010, a twenty-seven-year-old from Albuquerque, NM wrote to say: “This website has inspired me to take more action regarding this matter.” Thank God these terrible images stir so many good people to action. But among the many who haven’t seen the truth, there is a crippling epidemic of pacifism -- in the church and in our movement and among our political leaders -- and it is killing babies.

In that connection, I recently received a note from a priest who complained that CBR’s mailings were becoming too “political” and too “militaristic.” Sadly, he was speaking for alarming numbers of “pro-lifers” who still don’t understand the need to fight back against the war by which unborn children are being savaged. They still don’t understand that politics made abortion lawful and with God’s help, politics will make it unlawful. God has given Americans extraordinary liberties. He expects us to use them in pursuit of justice. But many believers would appease the dark forces which God has so clearly called us to fight.

On June 14, 2010, *Weekly Standard* published a story of pro-life surrender which touted the presidential prospects of Gov. Mitch Daniels (R-IN) titled “Ride Along With Mitch.” According to the Indiana governor, “... the next president, whoever he is, ‘would have to call a truce on the so-called social issues. We’re going to just have to agree to get along for a little while,’ until the economic issues are resolved.”

**Does that mean Mr. Obama is going to “have to agree to get along” with the unborn babies he has been killing? Or does that mean that pro-lifers are going to have to agree to get along with Mr. Obama while he continues to kill them?** That is the sort of heartless calculation we’ve come to expect from a pro-abortion libertarian. But the article implausibly asserts that “Daniels is pro-life himself, and he gets high marks from conservative religious groups in his state.”

This begs the question, what sort of “conservative religious group” would give high marks to a guy who thinks deficits are more evil than deaths? “He might be one guy who could get away with it,” said Curt Smith, head of the Indiana Family Institute, who’s known Daniels since the 1980s. ‘He has a deep faith, he’s totally pro-life, and he walks the talk. And in an acute situation, like the one we’re in now with the debt, he might get away with a truce for a year or two.” But **CBR isn’t going to “let him get away with**

**it” for even a moment!** Does Mr. Smith really believe that Mr. Obama would observe Gov. Daniels “cease-fire” by suspending the baby-killing in which Mr. Obama revels? Or does he expect us to unilaterally suspend our baby-saving -- while Mr. Obama continues to wage war on our children? With all due respect for “pragmatic” evangelicals who are ready to bargain away the lives of these babies, I can assure you that CBR won’t stand down till Mr. Obama is forced to stop the killing!

Then a second profile in pacifism (and treachery) appeared in a USA Today.com story, June 11, 2010, headlined “Florida Gov. Charlie Crist vetoes ultrasound bill.” It quoted another governor who disingenuously claims to be pro-life: “This bill places an inappropriate burden on a woman seeking to terminate a pregnancy,” Crist said in his veto message. The article noted that the bill would have “... required most women to have an ultrasound before having an abortion, unless the woman could prove she was a victim of rape, incest, domestic violence or human trafficking. Women could choose not to see the ultrasound or hear a description of it.” How could a safe, inexpensive ultrasound scan, at which a mother cannot be compelled to look and to whose description she cannot be forced to listen, constitute an “inappropriate burden?” It is indeed a burden but it is not inappropriate. Mr. Crist’s opportunistic political posturing is trivializing abortion by sparing the mother’s conscience at the expense of her baby’s life.

The governor and his new best friends in the abortion industry hate this bill because it bluntly forces mothers and their abortionists to stop pretending. Assuming that she has a functioning conscience, a mother who looks at the ultrasound would be morally obligated to abandon her abortion -- or forced to kill a baby she can clearly see is not the blob of tissue her lying abortionist told her it was. If, however, she is afraid to look at the ultrasound before aborting, she is effectively admitting that she knew all along it wasn’t just a blob of tissue and that her motive for averting her gaze was her desire to avoid the endless recollection of her child’s first and only baby picture. Whether she looks or looks away, she would never be able to convincingly rationalize that she had no way of knowing what she was doing. For most mothers (and fathers) denial is the great facilitator in every decision to kill a baby. Intellectual honesty is Planned Parenthood’s ablest enemy and an ultrasound, viewed or ignored, means no more head-games. It wouldn’t save every baby but it would make abortion decisions far less delusional.

Equally tragic, the vetoed measure “... included language that legislative Republicans wrote to prevent what they considered the possibility of federal funding being used for abortion in Florida, along with some provisions intended to thwart President Obama’s national health care program.” So now Florida taxpayers will get to fund the cost of butchering babies whose lives might have been saved by a revelatory ultrasound.

MSNBC.com also carried a story on June 11, 2010, headlined “Crist vetoes Fla. Ultrasound measure,” with this: “Individuals hold strong personal views on the issue of life, as do I,” Crist wrote. ‘However, personal views should not result in laws that unwisely expand the role of government and coerce people to obtain medical tests or procedures that are not medically necessary.’” How about morally necessary? If the abortion isn’t “medically necessary,” how can Gov. Crist logically complain that the ultrasound isn’t “medically necessary?” And how can a simple, non-invasive, diagnostic procedure be other than “medically necessary when it is so likely to save countless lives?”

One also wonders what “strong personal views” would motivate the veto of a life-saving ultrasound bill -- unless the governor strongly believes that troubling a mother’s conscience is a greater evil than taking a baby’s life. Not only has Gov. Crist rushed to comply with Gov. Daniels’s call for a truce -- which only pro-lifers are obligated to observe -- but the article further revealed that “... Crist has removed anti-abortion language from his campaign website.” Why not, after also abandoning the Republican Party to improve his prospects for election to the U.S. Senate? Mr. Crist has been all over the moral map on this issue but he has now made his pact with the devil. The governor wants the Senate job badly enough to trade his soul and Florida’s children to get it. **We will hold Mr. Crist accountable for this veto with the billboard trucks we are even now driving in FL.** Perhaps he will change his mind.

Why is our side so frequently so eager to appease the forces of darkness? Politico.com, July 5, 2010, published a post titled “The GOP’s passion problem.” It reported that “... the party, which has used judicial nominations to stoke the culture wars for more than a decade, appears to have lost its [fighting] edge on judges.” The writer added that “Now some conservatives worry that if Republicans can’t gin up a real battle over a left-leaning high court nominee from President Barack Obama in an election year, how can they be expected to grind out fights on dozens of lower-court nominees who are getting lifetime appointments to the federal bench?” And Mr. Obama is spoiling for a fight.

On June 7, 2010, Politico.com reported a related story titled “Obama reshaping judiciary landscape.” The writer says “Of Obama’s 70 appellate and district court nominees, 44 percent are female and 43 percent are minorities, according to recent analysis by the Alliance for Justice, a liberal advocacy group.” The Alliance for Justice praises the president for the “diversity” of his nominees but as a group, they are totally lacking philosophical diversity. “Diversity” is code for “viciously pro-abortion” and Mr. Obama is using race and gender bias to ensure that his judges will all be left-wing ideologues, far outside the judicial mainstream.

Did then-Senator Obama lose his fighting “edge” when confronted with President Bush’s Supreme Court nominees? WashingtonExaminer.com, May 17, 2009, answered that question with a piece headlined “Obama’s Senate record on Roberts, Alito offer clues to what’s ahead for his high court nominee.” The story opens, “As a senator, Barack Obama said President George W. Bush’s Supreme Court nominees John Roberts and Sam Alito were clearly qualified. He voted against them anyway.”

Mr. Obama is just as eager to fight the abortion wars beyond our shores. AmericanSpectator.com, July 13, 2010 reported an article titled “Yes We Kenya” which condemned Mr. Obama’s decision to send Joe Biden to Kenya to bribe the leaders of Mr. Obama’s ancestral home with offers of foreign aid if they approve a proposed pro-abortion constitution. “Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ) ... notes that Biden’s heavy-handed intervention may well be against federal law. Since 2006, the law has said ‘no foreign assistance funds may be used to lobby for or against abortion.’” But since when did Mr. Obama allow his fighting agenda to be derailed by so trifling an impediment as a legal prohibition?

The pro-aborts are fighters. The article reminds us that “Secretary of State Hillary Clinton had hardly taken her oath of office before she told a House Foreign Affairs committee hearing early in 2009 that ‘sexual and reproductive rights and health’ were a major goal of the Obama administration. She assured House members she would do all in her power to help overturn foreign countries’ pro-life laws.” **And CBR is doing all in our power to stop her and to stop Mr. Biden. We have shipped abortion DVD’s and photo signs to our Kenyan colleagues who asked us for these pictures as a means through which to defeat the proposed pro-abortion constitution for whose approval Mr. Obama is unlawfully lobbying.**

While cowardly Republicans frequently give him a pass to avoid a fight, Mr. Obama never gives anyone a pass. CNN.com, June 8, 2010, reported a story headlined “Obama looking for ‘whose a\*\* to kick.’” He used the 2010 National Prayer Breakfast to condemn “politics” as “an all or nothing sport” which “leaves each side little room to negotiate with the other.” But on Jan. 28, 2010, just a few days earlier, Kathleen Parker posted a column titled “Obama’s Fight Club.” At a meeting of his Middle Class Task Force, “Obama used the word ‘fight’ or ‘fighting’ four times [to describe his intentions] in a seven minute speech. She then says: “In Ohio last week ... the president used fight words more than 20 times.” The president fights his opponents but insists that their resistance is evidence of some character defect.

At the prayer breakfast, he spoke of “brotherhood” and “humility.” He condemned “this erosion of civility in the public square” which “poisons the well of public opinion” and “sows division and distrust among our citizens.” Then The Christian Science Monitor said he “vented his frustration” with the Supreme Court’s ruling in its campaign finance reform ruling and that he did so “in unusually testy language.” A few days later The Washington Times, Jan. 28, 2010, published a story headlined, “Alito disparages Obama’s court

criticism,” which says that during his State of the Union address, “The president had taken the unusual step of publicly scolding the high court with some of its robed members seated before him in the House.”

LegalTimes.TypePad.com said on Jan. 27, 2010, in a post headlined “High Court is Rare Topic for State of the Union Speeches,” that “President Barack Obama’s pointed criticism ... was beyond unusual ...” He has no respect for tradition and our friends on the Court may be among the few officials with the fortitude to fight him on abortion. LATimes.com, July 6, 2010, ran a story titled “Obama and Supreme Court may be on collision course.” The subhead said, “The president's agenda on healthcare and financial regulations sets the stage for a clash with the Supreme Court's conservative majority.” The Court’s decisions historically reflect public opinion and **CBR continues to do all in its power to influence voter attitudes on abortion.**

**It is vital that we stay on the offensive** because, as Frank Beckman at *The Detroit News* titled his column on Jan. 29, 2010, “Obama doesn’t quit on pushing same agenda.” He observed concerning the president’s State of the Union address, “When he said, ‘I don’t quit,’ he meant he truly pushed every single agenda item that has led to America’s growing dissatisfaction with his presidency.” He plays by his own set of rules and imposes another on his adversaries. He will stop at nothing and he has plenty of unprincipled company among pro-abortion “do-whatever-it-takes” liberals.

Salon.com, July 3, 2010, carried an article titled “In defending the late West Virginia senator’s approach to politics, he might have been justifying his own.” It says “[Pro-abortion] Bill Clinton's eulogy of [pro-abortion] Robert Byrd earlier today is getting some attention because the former president addressed Byrd's notorious, early career Klan membership.” The former president explained it this way: "I'll tell you what it means. He was a country boy from the hills and hollers of West Virginia, he was trying to get elected.” Salon adds, “But to hear Clinton tell it, Byrd's Klan membership -- and, more broadly, the ghastly record on racial issues that marked his first three decades in Congress -- was more the product of a cynical career calculation. He knew it was wrong but figured it would help him get ahead ...” Sounds just like abortion and the unprincipled politicians who promote it. This is why CBR’s publications are “political” and militaristic.” *Ecclesiastes 3:8 teaches that there is “a time for war ...,” and this is incontestably that time.* When tens of millions of our children are being tortured to death, our nation is clearly under assault and more Christians had better start acting like it. We thank God for your willingness to stand with us. We pray you will exhort your friends and family to join us. God will judge our refusal to join the battle.

Lord bless,



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P.S. On June 21, 2010, we received a message from a twenty-six-year-old woman from Canton, OH. She had just seen our abortion photos and wrote to say “I had never seen images or videos of abortion until I found this site.” She then explains that “I never realized just how horrible it really was.” We are losing the abortion wars because so many good people so fail to grasp how evil abortion and its advocates actually are. With your help, **CBR works to cure this lack of awareness every day by showing thousands of new viewers the horror of abortion and the evil of our opponents.** Please pray for those opponents too.