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Dear Pro-Life Friend,

On July 8, 2009, we received a message from a nineteen-year-old girl from Sumerduck, VA. She said: "I ... will be doing a group speech for my speech class and I am the only one against abortion. I came here looking for support and answers and I found them. Thank you for helping me make a stand and able to back up my view!" Students such as this nineteen-year-old girl often aren't pro-life activists when they visit our website but by the time they leave, they have been shocked and outraged and are suddenly determined to teach their classmates the truth being hidden by their pro-abortion teachers! Praise God for their willingness to take the risks and make the sacrifices required to defend life to a hostile culture. If only more of their parents' generation weren't so cowardly.

I am becoming immensely frustrated with "fighters" who won't fight. Sen. John McCain is pro-life but he refused to tell the full truth about Barack Obama because he wanted to run a "positive" campaign. We are now paying a terrible price for the Republicans' desire to win the presidency without a fight. Sen. McCain couldn't have beaten Mr. Obama but had he been willing to pound him with the truth, he could have deprived our new president of ridiculously high public approval ratings which are based on a deeply delusional belief that star power is a substitute for statesmanship. Those absurd approval ratings are being used by Mr. Obama as a cudgel with which to bludgeon his destructive legislative agenda through Congress.

Then we have Gov. Sarah Palin. John Fund, writing for the *Wall Street Journal*, July 7, 2009 ("Why Palin Quit") says Mrs. Palin decided to resign as governor because of the frivolous ethics investigations being waged against her. She believed the resulting distractions were costing her too much time and money. He also reports that she decided she was no longer willing to subject her family to public scorn and ridicule. Another media outlet reported that pervert/comedian David Letterman's obscene joke about one of Mrs. Palin's daughters was a specific example of the meanness she cites as motivating her decision to quit (which she denied was a decision to quit). But what did Mrs. Palin expect? Washington isn't Wasilla. It isn't even Juneau. I lived and worked in our nation's capital long enough to know firsthand that it is big-time nasty, especially if you are Christian and conservative. By caving in to this pressure, Mrs. Palin has proven conclusively that she wasn't ready for big-time politics. She will now be able to enrich herself with lucrative speaking fees and book deals and television contracts but in the process, she has emboldened liberals to abuse ethics statutes to force the resignations of conservative officials in other states and standup "comedians" to smear the families of conservative officials on additional networks.

Where are our fighters? APnews.myway.com reported a story on July 3 headlined "Republican: Sotomayor had ties to extreme group" which described White House defiance of Republican demands for the release of documents related to Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor's membership on the board of a Puerto Rican advocacy group which is pro-abortion and lobbies for racial quotas in workplace hiring and promotions. The article said: "Democrats have more than enough votes in favor of President Barack

Obama's first high court nominee, and Republicans have shown little appetite for trying to block her." Sen. Lindsey Graham has announced what amounts to Republican surrender as regards her confirmation.

But not everyone rolled over. Multiple protestors disrupted the Sotomayor confirmation hearings by shouting out references to the invisible elephant in the hearing room: Abortion. I say bravo! Ms. Sotomayor testified that *Roe v. Wade* is "settled law." That isn't true. CBR unsettles abortion law every day with the pictures we show all across the country. It is important that we remind the American people that Judge Sotomayor is a baby-killer. Bellowing that fact on national television is consistent with the tactics of the abolitionists who followed bounty hunters (who were chasing fugitive slaves) into restaurants and loudly announced the presence of these slave catchers, urging the owners and patrons of the restaurant to have nothing to do with them. I supported this disruptive tactic during Mr. Obama's delivery of the commencement address at Notre Dame and I support it at the Sotomayor hearings. It is civil disobedience of the most commendable sort.

This is the judge who has said that Latina women make better jurists than white men. This is the judge who says her life experiences influence which facts she decides to see and which she decides to ignore. This is the judge whose "firefighter" appellate court decision was recently overturned when she insisted that any promotion test which wasn't passed by enough black and Hispanic applicants should automatically be invalidated as racist, even without proof that it is. She has "empathy." But here is a dirty little secret: Every test discriminates. It separates the better qualified from those who are less so. Tests are supposed to discriminate -- but not on the basis of race. Why isn't there more public outrage over Ms. Sotomayor's frontal assault on the Constitution and our whole system of governance?

A mass psychosis has gripped an incredibly high percentage of the electorate. Michael Barone, in the July 1, 2009 WashingtonExaminer.com, reports that Yale law professor Emily Bazelon weighed in on the Sotomayor nomination by scoffing at any fire department promotion test that "rewarded memorization and favored 'fire buffs' – guys who read fire suppression manuals on their down time." This revealing critique illustrates the destructive liberal insistence that education should be about political indoctrination and social engineering instead of facts and logic.

Liberals got control of education forty years ago and they have produced entire generations of students who have been taught to believe that there is nothing exceptional about America. And they soak in this poison because they have no idea who we are, from where we have come, or how we got here. Nor do they have any idea how to think analytically. They have been taught that Columbus killed the Indians, the Founding Fathers enslaved the blacks, and successive American presidents stole Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California from Mexico. So of course they see nothing wrong with demanding reparations in the form of firefighters being promoted on the basis of skin color, instead of the mastery of firefighting principles. I wonder if Professor Bazelon would feel that way if her own house were on fire?

And now that Frank "the firefighter" Ricci has had the temerity to push back against Mr. Obama's racist Supreme Court nominee, Obama-thugs like People for the American Way are trying to smear him (sending press releases referring to his "troubled and litigious work history") in exactly the same way Obama-thugs tried to smear Joe "the plumber" Wurzelbacher for pushing back against Mr. Obama's socialist economic policies.

Yet the wimps who should be fighting this lunacy have gone wildly wobbly. CNN.com, May 26, 2009, in a story headlined "Steele: GOP must be careful on Sotomayor," quotes Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele as warning Republicans that "You want to be careful," in expressing opposition to Ms. Sotomayor's confirmation. "You don't want to be perceived as a bully." The harshest language Mr. Steele could muster was to call her "an interesting pick" about whom "We do have some reservations"

That sort of round-heeled Republican resistance has also emboldened liberals to demand an end to every other rule which gets in their way: They insist that minority immigrants be granted drivers' licenses, schooling, employment, healthcare, welfare and even citizenship, whether they are here legally or not. They demand that minority students be granted admission to undergraduate, graduate and professional schools, whether they can pass entrance exams or not. They contend that minority mortgage applicants should be given loans, whether they can pay them back or not. They argue that minority voters should be permitted to cast ballots, whether they can prove registration or not. They command that minority babies be killed at taxpayer expense, whether taxpayers like it or not. This is cynical. It exploits minorities. It shows disrespect for minorities. It erodes self-respect among minorities. It is destroying minority communities. But it works. It's the way liberals have gotten elected for decades.

With the election of our "historic" president and the total Democrat control of Congress, the Left is now totally out of control. Every implausible liberal legislative fantasy ever dreamed of is now being fast-tracked into law. A high percentage of the three-quarters-of-a-trillion dollars in "stimulus" money we have to print (borrow) has been stolen by corrupt congressmen as part of a "pork for votes" bribery scam. Persistent prosperity will be taxed into permanent poverty to create "green jobs" which will use technology which doesn't exist to fight "global warming" which, if it does exist, is almost certainly beyond the influence of even the "Anointed One." Another trillion dollars of money we don't have will be spent mandating abortion coverage and dramatically diminishing the quality of healthcare for a large majority of Americans, all in an effort to provide insurance for a small minority of Americans who could be helped in other less expensive ways. The Guantanamo Bay terror detention facility is being closed with no plan for relocating the terrorists whom our "historic" president has ordered can only be interrogated gently.

It gets even worse. Mr. Obama is scrapping our missile defense plans as Russia invades Georgia, Iran develops nuclear weapons and North Korea fires one missile after another toward Hawaii and Alaska. Our "historic" president is siding with dictators all over Latin America (and murderous mullahs in Iran) and offering the Russians an arms control deal which slashes our weapons levels to dangerously low numbers in exchange for Russian willingness to retire weapons they don't have the money to maintain anyway. And by the way, the Russians cheat on arms reduction agreements whose terms we scrupulously observe. And if that weren't enough, our "historic" president is expanding embryo-killing for stem cell harvesting and increasing abortion funding while he argues his true objective is to reduce the abortion rate. Can you imagine feminists agreeing to programs which reduce the rape rate instead of outlawing rape?

All of this insanity is normalizing violence against the most defenseless among us, weakening the most potent national security apparatus in the world, wrecking the most dynamic economy in the world and destroying the highest quality healthcare system in the world. The "historic" president who says our Bible doesn't mean what it says also argues that our Constitution doesn't mean what it says. And who is pushing back? CBR is pushing back against this attack on every institution which matters in this great country.

The Obama Administration is so over the top that the IRS recently threatened to deny the Coalition for Life of Iowa tax-exempt status unless it agreed to limit its "picketing" and "protesting" of a local Planned Parenthood (ThomasMoreSociety.org). Just for that, we are working to organize an Iowa visit by our trucks for the purpose of circling that abortion clinic like Joshua circled the doomed City of Jericho.

This Biblical reference is apt because growing numbers of Americans are embracing the pagan tendency to deify celebrities as messiahs. Our "rock star" president is both a celebrity and a would-be savior. *The Weekly Standard* ("Fawn Patrol," June 22, 2009) reported that "Evan Thomas, a *Newsweek* editor, recently appeared on cable TV and said, 'In a way, Obama is standing above the country, above the world – he's sort of God.'" Then Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, writing for *Newsweek* ("Without a Doubt," July 9, 2009) effectively dethroned the Pope and replaced him with the President in an article whose subheadline read "Why Barack Obama represents American Catholics better than the Pope does."

This is all beyond bizarre but it is part of a disturbed and disturbing impulse described by John Kass, writing for the *Chicago Tribune* (“Deification of Jackson as creepy as he was,” July 8, 2009). People are rejecting the real Jesus in favor of false gods: On the PBS Tavis Smiley show, viewers heard this canonization of Michael Jackson’s life and death, “It’s almost like a crucifixion, in terms of the cross you have to bear,” said professor Cornel West. “We reap the fruits of the resurrection, in terms of the power that emanates from [Jackson’s] sacrifice. He sacrificed his childhood because he loved us so. He didn’t just entertain us, he sustained us.” In Matthew 24:5 we read the prophetic words of our Lord, describing the end times: “For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.” We are called to expose these phony messiahs but the job isn’t getting any easier.

The June 29, 2009 issue of *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* published an article titled “2 New Surveys Confirm Charity Leaders’ Perceptions: Recession’s Impact Runs Deep.” The story said “... the recession has created havoc for nonprofit groups” and that the “financial picture for charities has gotten grim over the last six months.” Almost 40% of the charities queried in one of these studies “described the stress as ‘severe.’” We are certainly among the charities which have experienced a troublesome downturn in giving, despite the fact that recessions actually increase the likelihood that unplanned pregnancies will be aborted. The wicked abortion industry prospers no matter what the state of the economy. That is why we so appreciate and strongly urge your continued support now more than ever. We have never played the hysteria game with our fundraising appeals, but every staff person we have to lay off means real babies will die because we can’t be there for their mothers.

We can’t count on the press to expose the wrongdoing of pro-abortion government officials when the press and the government have now merged into one dishonest entity. *The Washington Post*, arguably the nation’s most powerful newspaper, was recently forced to cancel private dinners which were to have been hosted by its publisher, in her home, for special interest lobbyists willing to pay up to \$250,000 for access to top government decision makers. *The Post* described the events as an “exclusive opportunity to participate in the health care reform debate among the select few who will actually get it done.” “Exclusive” means YOU don’t get in! FoxNews.com reported that “The ‘few’ included Obama administration officials, congressional leaders and *Post* reporters and editors.” The press, which the Founding Fathers saw as a hedge against government corruption, is now as corrupt as the government whose corruption it was supposed to expose. Now is not the time to cut CBR’s funding!

There are precious few institutions left which are willing and able to speak real pro-life truth to power in this country. CBR is one of them. Please don’t allow a recession to lower the volume of our voice.

Lord bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregg Cunningham', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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P.S. Also on July 8, 2009, we received a note from a bitter thirty-three-year-old woman (no hometown listed) who said the sight of our abortion photos left her in a state of “rage” over her parents and maternal grandmother having forced her, as a teenager, to abort the only pregnancy she has ever conceived. She said: “I’m going to e-mail this link to ... [my mother]. I want her to see, REALLY SEE, what she did.” Had her mother seen our photos before, instead of after, forcing her daughter to abort, perhaps she would have valued this precious child’s life more highly than her own reputation.