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Dear Pro-Life Supporter,

With a headline we at CBR could have easily predicted, LifeNews.com posted a June 16, 2014 story titled “Abortions in the U.K. Fall to Their Lowest Levels in 16 Years.” The most significant variable which has changed over the last few years is God’s blessing on our now successful court battle (in which courageous CBR-UK leaders Andrew Stephenson and Kathryn Atwood played pivotal roles) to end the UK ban on the public display of abortion photos. We have aggressively exploited that major victory by using abortion photo signs to picket some of England’s largest universities and abortion clinics. Our adversaries howled in protest and the resulting controversy spawned massive press coverage. The result was far more people seeing our signs in the press than ever saw them in person.

In fact, the press coverage was all the more remarkable because the UK media outlets are usually hostile to conservatives. WashingtonPost.com (July 7, 2014) ran a story headlined “BBC admonished for giving climate change deniers equal air time.” The BBC Trust has blacklisted what they call scientific voices “on the fringe.” By this they mean anyone who disagrees with their politicized version of any disputed theory. To enforce this censorship of any politically incorrect perspectives “... 200 BBC senior staff were sent to [brain washing] workshops [read: re-education camps] to cover science impartially.” How Orwellian did it get? The Trust warned that “impartiality” does NOT mean presenting “a wide range of views.” It means systematically excluding views outside the current “scientific consensus.”

Nicolaus Copernicus, discoverer of the heliocentric principle that the earth circles the sun and not vice-versa, refused to publish this breakthrough until the time of his death “... not wishing -- as he confessed -- to risk the scorn ‘to which he would expose himself on account of the novelty and incomprehensibility of his thesis.’” [Wikipedia.com]. By BBC standards, Copernicus should indeed have been scorned. He was outside the “scientific consensus” of his day.

Yet in their defense, I debated one of the BBC’s most prominent radio hosts on the network’s most widely listened-to program. CBR’s arguments beat the BBC’s so soundly that a writer for the Daily Mail devoted a column to our victory. She speculated that they only had me on under the mistaken expectation that I would be an embarrassing push-over. Since it was they who were humiliated, I am unlikely to receive another invitation. Nor will the global warming critics who shame the BBC just as handily, but I digress.

The deceptively named British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS), which is the UK's largest abortion provider, responded defensively to the reduced abortion report. Ann Furedi, their chief executive officer (whom I defeated in an audience-scored public debate in London in October), said we should “... stop politicizing abortion and accept that it is a standard part of women’s healthcare.” But abortion can only be healthcare if pregnancy is a disease. Showing women the horror of abortion isn’t merely a political act, it is also a consumer protection act. Ms. Furedi added that “... There is no right or wrong number of abortions” That would be news to Planned Parenthood.

On July 18, 2014, LifeSiteNews.com posted a story headlined “Planned Parenthood: ‘We absolutely do celebrate higher abortion totals.’” Vickie Cowart, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains, wrote a blog post verifying her “... affiliate had given a Colorado office an award for increasing the number of abortions it performed.” Why the glee over so much gore?

LifeNews.com published the answer on July 22, 2014. The interview was titled “Ex-Planned Parenthood Director: They told me every baby killed in abortion made them \$313.29.” The article quotes Abby Johnson, who revealed that: “... her supervisor informed her that her clinic needed to double the number of abortions it was doing and that it should be killing 1,135 babies per year to make the financial goals” Planned Parenthood’s senior management had established for her. This pressure disturbed Ms. Johnson who “... truly believed that our goal was to reduce the number of abortions”

One effective way to keep abortion rates high is to mislead women into believing the lie that developmentally, their baby isn’t yet a baby. LifeNews.com, July 18, 2014, carried a story headlined “Former Planned Parenthood Staffer Admits: ‘We Never Discuss Fetal Development.’” Catherine Anthony Adair said: “The baby was referred to as the ‘contents of the uterus’ or a ‘clump of cells.’ On the rare occasion a woman asked about the size of the baby, I would tell her it was about the size of the tip of my pencil, regardless of how many weeks into her pregnancy she was.”

This relentless campaign of lies, intended to manipulate mothers and voters alike, was on full display in a *National Review* article in “The Week” section of the magazine’s March 24, 2014 issue. “When Fusion TV’s Jorge Ramos, in a recent interview asked Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards when life begins, she equivocated. ‘I feel it’s not something that’s part of this conversation’ she said uncomfortably, and then tried to divert the conversation to ‘options for health care’ Planned Parenthood provides.”

With God’s help and the support of our donors, CBR exists to pursue the goal of making sure the miracle of prenatal development and the atrocity of abortion will always be part of every conversation on abortion. Mothers and voters are far more likely to make Godly choices regarding babies and candidates if we show them the facts -- facts which defy expression with mere words. The above-mentioned LifeNews.com story on \$313.29 abortions reminds us that Abby Johnson says she changed her mind when “... I witnessed the ultrasound guided abortion procedure that caused me to flee from Planned Parenthood.” At CBR we take what Abby Johnson saw in the clinic and we show it to everyone we can -- on the street and on the Web. Anyone with a functioning conscience will never be the same.

That is why there is so much frantic opposition to our projects. A few months ago we took our Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) to The University of California, Riverside (UCR), and faculty members openly urged administrators to violate federal law and force us to take down our exhibit. We will have more to say about this highly productive event in an upcoming issue of our *CBR Communique* newsletter, but the university newspaper, *The Highlander*, in a story headlined “Abortion banners trigger backlash from Highlanders” (May 27, 2014), covered the antics of yet another hoard of feminists who refused to debate abortion and instead tried to prevent students from seeing our abortion photos -- or even talking to us. “One of the leading protesters, Irene Morrison, urged UCR administrators to take down the banners, which she saw as endangering the safety and reproductive freedoms of a woman.” She added, inaccurately, that “Hate speech is not free speech.” She condemned our signs as “... taking away the safe space from women on this campus.” In truth, our abortion photos create the only safe space available to protect women who might otherwise be duped into believing that abortion is merely the safe removal of an undifferentiated mass of cells.

Candace Edsel, a fifth-year history major who also protested our pro-life signs, said, “The fact that students are crying about an event that is not put on by students, and administrators are standing and watching it happen -- they care more about this than the rights of students? That’s not okay.” Actually, it’s at least

somewhat “okay.” The administration didn’t order us off the campus but they did allow the pro-aborts to cover up our photos for a time. I respectfully confronted the Dean of Students face-to-face about this outrageous violation of our First Amendment rights and told him we would be back during the upcoming fall semester and if protestors were again permitted to hide the horror depicted in our photos, we would haul U.C. Riverside into federal court. He seemed sobered by the threat and I received a solicitous call from one of his assistants the following day. They clearly got the message that we weren’t bluffing. The long list of government agencies CBR has successfully sued can be read on our website and I strongly recommended that UCR’s administrators examine it before we return to their campus during the new school year.

The most recent of those cases involved a situation similar to the obstruction we endured during U.C. Riverside’s cover-up of our signs. In this case, CBR had to force the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo to prevent pro-abortion protestors from covering up our signs as they had last year when we conducted GAP on their campus. During our earlier visit, the administration ordered their police to permit students to block our signs, and the students, who would neither look at our photos nor debate the issue with us, gleefully used bed sheets and other objects to hide the horror of abortion. We immediately filed a First Amendment lawsuit in U.S. District Court in a case titled Center For Bio-Ethical Reform, Inc., et al. vs. Black, et al.

When I tried to explain to the SUNY chief of campus police that he was legally obligated to push the pro-abortion protestors back to a reasonable distance, he hung up on me. That was a big mistake and one he is unlikely to repeat after our court victory against SUNY-Buffalo. I opened the conversation by telling him that he was breaking the law and that unless he controlled this mob of unruly students, we would sue him and we would win. We will now add his name to the long list of lawless public officials who have ignored our warnings and paid the price.

Our court filing quickly got the attention of the university’s lawyers, who apparently told the administration to respect our speech rights or the school would face a costly and embarrassing defeat. Irritated administrators again tried to hardball us but one of our excellent lawyers, Rob Muise, of the American Freedom Law Center, was talking to their lawyers and the latter kept the dissident students on a short leash. This time the police held back the counter demonstrators, but it is infuriating that we had to sue them before they would respect the Constitution. How long have they been victimizing students who couldn’t rely on CBR to protect their rights? By forcing this university to pick on somebody its own size, CBR made all the schools in the SUNY system less likely to bully pro-life students going forward.

Your support for our work empowers pro-life students and makes it possible for them to expose the truth about abortion.

Pro-abortion student protestors who will neither look at our abortion photos nor debate us remind me of the Heroes of the Faith series -- *Corrie ten Boom, Faith Amidst Fear*, by Sam Wellman. It describes the struggles of a Christian woman who ended up in a Nazi concentration camp for repeatedly risking her life to save her Jewish neighbors from the Gestapo. “The work at the Siemens factory was backbreaking. It was one of the great iron and steel works of Germany. Corrie and Betsie had to push a handcart to a door at the factory where German civilians loaded it with heavy metal plates. The civilians refused to look at the prisoners.” [Page 154]. The ten Boom sisters were in Ravensbruck Concentration Camp.

The students who protest our photos are often hard-core pro-aborts, but most people are more open-minded. That is why our voter education billboard trucks are so effective. We are currently raising funds to finance the operation of at least two of our huge box trucks for each of five states in which most pollsters rate the U.S. Senate race a toss-up. Election contests which are that close tend to be better covered by the news media. As a consequence, voters in these states are more attentive and engaged. That is the perfect

environment in which to educate the electorate regarding the horror of abortion. When our trucks roll into view with enormous aborted baby photos on the side and back panels, we turn every head.

Our photo signs help dispel the media myth that the pro-abortion candidate has the moderate position on abortion and the pro-life candidate is the extremist. Looking at the perfectly formed little body of a ten-week fetus which has been dismembered, eviscerated and decapitated, makes it clear that there is nothing “moderate” about torturing babies to death.

The signs also remind pro-life voters of the importance of getting out to vote and also to offer time and money to help the right candidates prevail. We are carefully charting driving routes in Alaska, Arkansas, Iowa, Louisiana and North Carolina. Please consider a special gift to help pay for diesel fuel.

We also need volunteer drivers and hospitable people to provide our drivers a spare bedroom in their homes.

These are all winnable races and we would like to bring the U.S. Senate back under pro-life control. With your help and God’s blessing, this is an achievable goal.

Lord bless,

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

Gregg Cunningham
Executive Director

P.S. CBR needs you to help us fund new staff who will work to launch and mentor serious pro-life student groups on Christian college and seminary campuses. Better Christian schools mean better Christian leaders and a mobilized church. Please become a regular monthly donor, and if you already are, please pray about increasing your amount.

We can’t win the abortion wars without the churches, and we don’t have the churches because we don’t have the pastors. We don’t have the pastors because Christian colleges and seminaries are doing little or nothing to train and motivate pastors to mobilize the Church against abortion. Please help us change the way we educate our future pastors. No other pro-life organization is so focused on this strategically vital protest.

Your gift of \$100 will buy one abortion photo sign for students to hold on their Christian college campuses.

Please forward to friends and family a digital version of this letter from the “Archives” section of abortionNO.org; please include CBR in your estate planning; please encourage your pastor to watch my YouTube pro-life sermon using abortion video in the main services of Calvary Chapel, Pearl Harbor, HI; please help us fund the cost of enrolling CBR staff members as part-time students for the purpose of starting strong pro-life organizations on Christian college campuses which are largely ignoring abortion. Please help us fund the cost of modestly paid internships for students willing to help start those pro-life groups.