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Dear Pro-Life Supporter,

A few Sundays ago one of our pastors preached a sermon which included material on Philippians 4:15-16. The Apostle Paul spent much of his time struggling to fundraise and in this passage he thanked some financial supporters for their critically important help: "... when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving ... except you only, for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need."

As I considered these verses, I thought of CBR's long-time supporters. Many of you have remained faithful CBR donors for decades. When few Christians were willing to contribute anything to any pro-life ministry, much less to one which exposes the horror of abortion, you have stood with us.

We are currently doing campus outreach at Portland State University and local CBR supporters have helped to fund our large, outdoor abortion photo signs in Oregon. They also sent men from their church to help us erect our displays each morning and return the signs to our truck at the end of the day. They continue to be important supporters. In truth, without your help too, we wouldn't have the resources to visit many of these campuses, doing difficult and dangerous jobs which few if any other pro-life groups are willing or able to do -- at least on this scale.

Portland State is one of the most violent, pagan, pro-abortion schools in the nation. It is home to Anti-fa, the masked anarchists who organize radical riots all across the country. The pro-life Christian students at this school thanked us repeatedly for coming to their aid, but we received so many assault and death threats that the police had to surround our displays during the day and then escort us to our cars in the late afternoon. Several students warned us that if the police ever left, they would tear down our exhibit and beat up our staff.

The best evidence of the effectiveness of these abortion photos is that nearly everywhere we show them, Planned Parenthood comes out and tries to cover them up. No other pro-life group provokes so much anger from the pro-aborts. At Portland State a masked assailant threw two buckets of paint on our signs. We had her arrested on the spot. We have many times successfully threatened, filed and won lawsuits over these kinds of sign cover-ups.

My wife Lois and I frequently thank God for you. So few will give to our work and so many who do eventually will fall away. It matters enormously to us that you have remained steadfast in your support. You haven't abandoned us and we haven't abandoned the small remnants of Christian students who suffer persecution for defending life in very dark places.

Paul offers the Philippians a gracious disclaimer in verse 17 when he ends by saying, "Not that I am looking for a gift." His sincerity was not to be doubted on that but the Philippians knew he didn't mean he would never ask for future support. They well understood how dependent he was on this emerging community of believers.

Paul again spoke of fundraising in II Corinthians 9:13-14: “Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.”

In II Corinthians 8:1-15, the apostle also commended the Corinthians for generous charitable giving in spite of their own poverty:

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave us as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord’s people. And they exceeded our expectations: they gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and by the will of God, also to us.

... [S]ee that you also excel in this grace of giving.

Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

Starting in verse 13, Paul concludes that “Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.” He ends by teaching that “the goal is equality, as it is written: ‘The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little.’”

Even our Lord demonstrates the importance of donating to support ministry. Luke 8:1-3 reports that prominent women, and women he had healed, traveled with Christ and the apostles, “And were helping to support them out of their own means.” Of course, the Savior didn’t really need their money. He could command the apostles to retrieve gold coins from the mouths of fish (Matt. 17:24-27). But He wanted to teach and model the concept of Christian donors meeting the financial needs of those called to Christian ministry. We see this supportive relationship again exemplified in Luke 10:38-41: “As Jesus and His disciples were on their way, He came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him.”

In II Corinthians 9:6, Paul warns that “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,” but he also promises that “God loves a cheerful giver.” Imagine the remorse which might be suffered on the Day of Judgment by members of the churches which chose to not support Paul, the man who was writing much of the New Testament. CBR needs your help as urgently as Paul needed the help of 1st Century Christians.

Further to that point, under the leadership of Reverend Clenard Childress, Jr., CBR is inaugurating a new educational sign set which exposes the eugenics connection between Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger and Adolf Hitler. As CBR supporters are well aware, eugenics, among other evils, is the racially motivated practice of keeping disfavored minorities from reproducing. Rev. Childress pastors an African-American church in suburban Newark, NJ, and he has been a CBR board member for more than 20 years.

These new Planned Parenthood signs will be displayed in Washington, D.C., outside the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. We will also use them in front of black churches and at events attended by substantial numbers of African Americans.

The New York Times Sunday Magazine, November 11, 2018, interviewed Planned Parenthood's new president, Dr. Leana Wen, and asked her, "How do you consider the misinformation – such as, say, that Planned Parenthood furthers eugenics – that can proliferate about the organization?" *The New York Times* failed to mention that black women suffer the highest abortion rates of any race, in part because Planned Parenthood locates a disproportionately high percentage of its abortion clinics in African American neighborhoods.

But Dr. Wen dodged this question with an ad hominem which attacked the credibility of pro-lifers who accuse Planned Parenthood of an association with eugenics. She said, "These same individuals who are making these claims are often the ones who want to deprive our communities of ... teen pregnancy prevention programs" Professor Michael New, however, writing April 13, 2010, in *ThePublicDiscourse.com*, says, "There is little evidence that more federal funding for contraceptives will reduce abortion rates." He cites a study by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, formerly Planned Parenthood's research division, that found that "among those women who were not using contraception at the time they conceived, a very small percent cited cost or lack of availability as their reason for not using contraception." In an essay for *National Review*, July 22, 2014, Dr. New also notes that "there is not one peer-reviewed study which shows that greater spending on welfare or other social programs reduced the abortion rate." New further told Human Life International, September 20, 2009, that "regression results indicate that more state spending on TANF or AFCE [public assistance programs] actually increases the incidence of abortion."

Dr. Wen also complained to the *NYT* about a "proposed gag rule" by which the Trump Administration might disallow abortion referrals from Planned Parenthood. She lamented the possibility that "a doctor or nurse would now be forced to censor their speech when it comes to providing women with the full range of reproductive health options [read baby-killing]." But it is Dr. Wen who advocates censorship and it is pro-lifers against whom she would impose it.

She decried the fact that "in order to get health care [read baby-killing] women ... have to walk through lines of protestors" outside abortion clinics. She adds that "What I have a problem with is when they [pro-lifers] -- or the government -- impose their will on women's bodies or health." Although she concedes that "individuals can have their own views about abortion," she believes pro-lifers should be denied the right to express those views outside abortion clinics, or to act upon those views by lobbying to influence governmental policy. This is a very tyrannical view of expressive rights, and indeed, Dr. Wen is an immigrant from Communist China, where annoying the government by stating a disfavored point of view can land a speaker in a concentration camp.

In that same connection, *The New York Times*, November 25, 2017, published a story headlined "A Mammoth New Airport ..." which reported the limits of speech rights in China. The story explained that for residents evicted to make way for public works projects such as airports, "opposition is futile." Besides "clamping down on public discussion," the article said, "someone, somewhere, had decided that one way of life would end" In the community being forcibly relocated, "A live broadcast echoed through the village: 'Don't complain,' a male voice said through large loudspeakers. 'You could influence the entire village's stability.'" Those are precisely the limits Planned Parenthood's Dr. Wen would impose on pro-lifers in America if she had her way.

One wonders what she thinks about the expressive rights atrocities being visited on religious minorities in her Communist homeland. *The New York Times*, October 14, 2018, published a story headlined "Xi began

drive to all but erase Islam in China.” The Chinese dictatorship is “detaining large number of ethnic Uighurs and other Muslim Minorities” in concentration camps. The Chinese government wanted to purge the Xinjiang region of “extremist ideas ... eliminating all but the mildest expressions of Islam.” Dr. Wen clearly believes that opposition to abortion is an “extremist idea” whose adherents should be banned from expressing it outside her clinics or in any legislative venue. The article ends with the Communist definition of “religious extremism,” which encompasses “behavior as simple as trying to persuade people to quit alcohol and smoking.” For Dr. Wen, religious extremism would seem to include something as simple as trying to persuade people to quit killing their babies. Imagine what she might do to pro-lifers if she had the powers of China’s dictatorship.

In China, Communists are silencing Muslims, but in Pakistan, Muslims are silencing Christians. According to *National Review*, December 3, 2018, Islamists who objected to Asia Bibi’s Christian faith “accused her of insulting Islam’s prophet.” Shockingly, the article reports that “two politicians” who defended her were assassinated,” and that “her lawyer too, fled the country for fear of his life.” Although her conviction was later overturned, “The United Kingdom has refused her asylum on account of domestic security concerns.” The same issue of *National Review* also reports that the European Court of Human Rights has ruled against another woman who criticized Mohammed. This same court has previously exonerated two other speakers who had criticized Christianity. In Europe, it is fine to blaspheme Jesus, but not Mohammed. *The Wall Street Journal*, October 27, 2018, said the court rejected her appeal “‘after carefully’ balancing ‘her right to freedom of expression with the right of others to have their religious feelings protected’” The court added that it was concerned with “preserving religious peace.” This autocratic ruling encourages Muslims to threaten violence as a means of forcing their will on others.

In her absurd complaint about barring Planned Parenthood from doing abortion referrals, Dr. Wen claims she is being censored in much the same manner as might be the case if “this was diabetes and doctors and nurses were forced by the government to not give any information about insulin.” First of all, diabetes is a disease, pregnancy is not. Secondly, insulin saves lives, abortion takes them. This vilification of pregnancy while trivializing abortion echoes equally preposterous remarks by Democrat Tony Evers, the new governor of Wisconsin. *The Weekly Standard*, September 10, 2018, quotes the pro-abortion politician comparing “abortion to tonsillectomies and advocate[s] for taxpayer funding for abortions: ‘We need to have the Medicaid money be available for all people ... whether it’s [for] a tonsillectomy or another procedure’” A tonsillectomy is health care. Abortion is a “social service,” a violent act inspired by Satan himself that kills a baby.

We display abortion photos to prove that abortion is an act of violence and not an act of healing. That is why abortion advocates try to cover up our signs nearly everywhere we display these pictures. Christian colleges are where we most need to exhibit these pictures. This is where future church leaders are trained and it is vital that we inspire future leaders to mobilize the church against abortion. We are working to raise \$250,000 to fund this outreach. Will you help us reach at least some of this goal? There is no project more strategically important than redirecting the ministries of churches which would end abortion quickly if their resources were brought to bear on stopping child sacrifice, first in the church, and then in the broader culture.

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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