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April 24, 1980

CERTIFIED MAIL
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James Bopp, Jr.
Bramas, Bopp and Haynes
900 Sycamore Building
19 South Sixth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47808

Re: MUR 1161

Dear Mr. Bopp:

The Federal Election Commission has reviewed the allegations of your complaint dated February 11, 1980, and determined that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint and information provided by the Respondent that there is no reason to believe that a violation of the Federal Election campaign Act of 1971 as amended ("the Act"), has been committed.

Accordingly, the Commission has decided to close the file in this matter.

Should additional information come to your attention which you believe establishes a violation of the Act, please contact R. Lee Andersen, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202)523-5071.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles N. Steele".

Charles N. Steele
General Counsel

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Sincerely,

Charles N. Steele
General Counsel

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
National Abortion Rights) MUR 1161
Action League)

CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, Secretary to the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on April 24, 1980, the Commission decided by a vote of 5-0 to take the following actions regarding MUR 1161:

1. Find NO REASON TO BELIEVE that the National Abortion Rights Action League committed a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B)(i) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) or 11 C.F.R. § 111.21 by publicly announcing the filing of their complaints against the National Right to Life Committee and other pro-life groups before these complaints were filed with the Commission.
2. Send the letters as attached to the First General Counsel's Report dated April 21, 1980.
3. Close the file.

Voting for this determination were Commissioners Aikens, Friedersdorf, Harris, McGarry, and Reiche.

Attest:

4/24/80

Date

Marjorie W. Emmons

Marjorie W. Emmons
Secretary to the Commission

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April 21, 1980

MEMORANDUM TO: Marjorie W. Emmons
FROM: Elissa T. Garr
SUBJECT: MUR 1161

Please have the attached First GC Report distributed to the Commission on a 48 hour tally basis. Thank you.

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
1325 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

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FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

DATE AND TIME OF TRANSMITTAL APR 21 1980
BY OGC TO THE COMMISSION

MUR 1161
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED
BY OGC 02/14/80
STAFF MEMBER:
Lee Andersen

COMPLAINANT'S NAME: National Right to Life Committee, Inc.
RESPONDENT'S NAME: National Abortion Rights Action League
RELEVANT STATUTE: 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B)(i) and
437g(a)(12)(A)
11 C.F.R. § 111.21

INTERNAL REPORTS CHECKED: None

FEDERAL AGENCIES CHECKED: None

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

The National Right to Life Committee ("NRLC") submitted a signed, sworn complaint to the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") on February 14, 1980, alleging that the National Abortion Rights Action League ("NARAL") violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B)(i) and 437g(a)(12)(A) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(3)(B)) of the Federal Election Campaign Act ("the Act") by issuing press releases on April 18 and April 30, 1979, announcing the fact that complaints against NRLC and other pro-life groups were to be filed with the Commission. NRLC characterizes NARAL's action as in contravention of the Act's confidentiality provision which prohibits "any notification or investigation" from being "made public...by any person without the written consent of the person receiving such notification or the person with respect to whom such investigation is made." The complaint states that NRLC did not give the requisite consent and accordingly requests that the Commission investigate the complaint and impose appropriate civil penalties (See Exhibit 1).

FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

As stated in NRLC's complaint, 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) prohibits "[a]ny notification or investigation" made under the Act from being made public "without the written consent of the person receiving such notification or the person with respect

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to whom such investigation is made." Commission Regulation 11 C.F.R. § 111.21 indicates that this confidentiality provision applies once a complaint has been filed with the Commission. There is, however, no prohibition against announcing to the public that a complaint is to be filed with the Commission. In their response of February 25, 1980, NARAL takes the position that the prohibition against making public any notification or investigation, contemplated by 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A), refers to notification or investigation only after the Commission has found reason to believe that a violation of the Act has occurred (See Exhibit 2). While the Office of General Counsel does not agree with the respondent that the confidentiality provisions of the Act apply only after a reason to believe finding has been made by the Commission, neither can we accept the complainant's argument that NARAL is precluded by 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B)(i) and 437g(a)(12)(A) from holding a press conference or releasing notices to the public indicating that a complaint is to be filed with the Commission.

Therefore, the Office of the General Counsel recommends that the Commission find no reason to believe that NARAL committed a violation of 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B)(i) and 437g(a)(12)(A) or 11 C.F.R. § 111.21 by publicly announcing the filing of their complaints against NRLC and other pro-life groups before these complaints were filed with the Commission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Find no reason to believe that the National Abortion Rights Action League committed a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B)(i) and 437g(a)(12)(A) or 11 C.F.R. § 111.21 by publicly announcing the filing of their complaints against the National Right to Life Committee and other pro-life groups before these complaints were filed with the Commission.

2. Send attached letters.

3. Close the file.

Attachments

1. Exhibit 1 - complaint
2. Exhibit 2 - response
3. Letter to complainant
4. Letter to respondent

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February 11, 1980

The Federal Election Commission
1325 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the National Right to Life Committee, Inc. (NRLC), I am filing the following complaint of violation of Federal election laws by the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL).

NARAL, 825 15th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005, is the self-styled "largest single issue group working to defend abortion rights." As such, it is opposed to any limitation on the right of women to obtain abortions on demand. NRLC is the primary advocate of such limitations.

On April 30, 1979, therefore, NARAL filed two complaints against NRLC and other right to life organizations claiming violations of federal election laws. The filing of these complaints was made public in violation of 2 USC 437g(a)(3)(B) as a malicious attempt to defame NRLC.

Specifically, on April 18, 1979, NARAL issued a press release notifying the public that at 10:00 a.m. on April 30, 1979, they would hold a press conference announcing the fact that "that morning" they had filed a complaint with the FEC against "two national anti-abortion groups". See April 18, 1979 press release, p. 4. On April 30, 1979 at 10:30 a.m., NARAL held a press conference announcing that complaints against NRLC and others "were filed today" with the Federal Election Commission. See April 30, 1979 press release, p. 1.

The public announcement of these complaints after they had been filed constituted a violation of 2 USC 437g(a)(3)(B) which prohibits "any notification of investigation" from being "made public ... by any person without the written consent of the person receiving such notification or the person with respect to whom such investigation is made." NRLC did not give NARAL written consent to make the matter public. By issuing press releases and holding press conferences after filing the complaint against NRLC, NARAL violated the law.

Accordingly, we request that the Federal Election Commission immediately investigate the complaint and impose appropriate fines for violation.

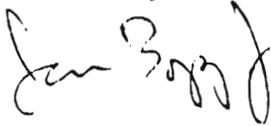
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The Federal Election Commission
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I have prepared the complaint and believe that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. This complaint was not filed on behalf of or at the request or suggestion of any candidate.

Sincerely,

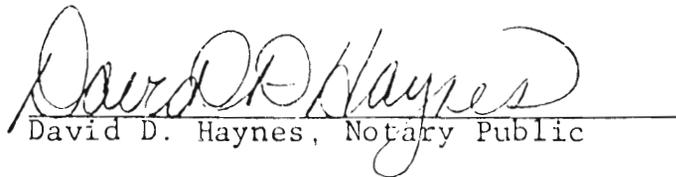


James Bopp, Jr.

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Attachments

Subscribed to and sworn to before me, a notary public, on this 11th day of February, 1980.



David D. Haynes, Notary Public

My County of Residence:
Clay

My Commission Expires:
December 19, 1982

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NATIONAL ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE
 825 15th Street, NW, Washington D. C. 20005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:
 Janet Beals, Director of Public Information
 (202) 347-7774 OR
 Joan Eisenstodt, Conference Coordinator
 347-7774 through April 27
 April 27-30: 234-0700, NARAL/Shoreham Americana

ABORTION RIGHTS CONVENTION FOCUSES ON ELECTORAL POLITICS

Washington, D.C., April 18, 1979 ----- Abortion rights supporters from all 50 states will converge on Washington this month to attend the National Abortion Rights Action League's annual convention. The League, the nation's largest single-issue group working to defend abortion rights, will celebrate its 10th year of existence at the April 28-30 annual meeting, to be held at the Shoreham-Americana Hotel.

The convention's focus on the combination of electoral politics with grass-roots organizing parallels a recent change in strategy for the pro-choice group. "This year," said Karen Mulhauser, NARAL Executive Director, "marks the beginning of an aggressive campaign -- we call it "Impact '80" -- to let legislators know that compulsory pregnancy is not the will of the people. We are arming our activists now to support those who vote for choice. We know that the majority of Americans believe that abortion should remain a woman's personal decision and our goal is to organize that majority."

In workshops and other information sessions, participants will hear the history of the issue and learn to mobilize to insure its future.

A list of speakers follows:

Midge Costanza and Michael McCloud will lead the plenary on electoral politics (9-10:15 a.m., Sunday). Costanza, former Special Assistant to the President, will speak on the importance of grassroots involvement in electoral politics. McCloud,

right-hand man to John Anderson, will speak from his involvement in Anderson's successful campaign against a single-issue anti-abortion candidate in 1978. Anderson will be meeting the abortion issue head-on again in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

Immediately following will be "how-to" workshops on electoral politics, led by six political consultants, including Matt Reese, specialist on campaigns for single-issue coalitions.

Highlights of Saturday's program include comments by well-known constitutional lawyer and abortion rights specialist Harriet Pilpel, the General Counsel to Planned Parenthood Federation of America. She will speak of the recent history of the abortion rights struggle -- how the fight was won through litigation and legislation. (Saturday plenary, 10-11 a.m.) Also speaking will be Rebecca Cook, who has been consulting at cabinet and parliamentary levels on national family planning law and policy for the past six years with the International Planned Parenthood Federation. She will discuss the increasing liberalization of abortion laws in other countries in the past dozen years, and its connection with other civil rights for women abroad. (Also Saturday plenary session)

Saturday brunch will include an address from Jeannie I. Rosoff, President of the Alan Guttmacher Institute. Rosoff will share her perspective as a long-time member of the Capitol Hill scene, recalling the days when even contraception was a practically forbidden topic.

Session I workshops (2:45-3:45 p.m., Saturday) include Minors' Rights by Bill Baird, who has been challenging restrictive birth control and abortion laws for 15 years, and is the plaintiff in Bellotti v. Baird, now before the Supreme Court, a case which will dramatically affect the rights of teenagers to abortions.

Session I will also mark the beginnings of the first national group for doctors organizing to defend a woman's right to abortion. The Physicians for Choice workshop will be directed by Dr. Christopher Tietze, one of the world's most eminent authorities on human fertility and its control. Dr. Tietze is now a Senior Consultant to

the Center for Policy Studies of the Population Council, he is primarily concerned with research in the demographic and public health aspects of induced abortion. Dr. Tietze, with Dr. Jack Lippes, inventor of the "Lippes Loop" IUD, will discuss how to organize physicians to become actively involved in abortion rights.

Naomi Baden, Executive Director of the Coalition of Labor Union Women and a staff member of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, will lead Working with Union People, also in Session I. She will speak to the possibilities and problems of cooperation between abortion rights groups and labor unions.

Pat Gavett, Executive Director of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, will preside over a workshop on Working with the Religious Community in Session II (4:15-6 p.m., Saturday). The Religious Coalition was responsible earlier this year for the recommitment of 18 of its member denominations and religious organizations to make abortion rights one of the major social action issues on which they work.

Well-known organizing expert and Director of the Midwest Academy, Heather Booth, will lead a community organizing workshop. Uta Landy, Executive Director of the National Abortion Federation, the professional association of abortion providers, and who established the first national toll-free consumer hotline on abortion, will lead the Clinic Organizing workshop.

Dr. Helen Rodrigues-Trias, Chief of Pediatrics at Roosevelt Hospital in New York, will join other minority leaders in chairing the Working with Minorities workshop. She is a founder of the Committee to End Sterilization Abuse, and works to protect Puerto Rican women against coerced sterilization.

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Breakfast with Congressional pro-choice leaders will be on the day on Monday, April 30 (8:30 a.m.) Expected so far are George Miller (D-CA), Michael Barnes (D-MD), Ted Weiss (D-NY), Tony Beilenson (D-CA), Vic Fazio (D-CA), and others.

Immediately following, a press conference will announce NARAL's allegations of major illegal actions by two national anti-abortion groups and four state anti-abortion groups. The conference will be held on Capitol Hill (exact location to be announced), at 10:00 a.m. Karen Mulhauser, NARAL Executive Director, will speak, and NARAL's attorney and others will be available as resource people. NARAL will be filing complaints against all six groups that morning with the Federal Election Commission. Another complaint against an Iowa anti-abortion group, the Pro-Life Action Council, was filed with the FEC by NARAL last year. It is still under investigation.

Convention-goers and many others will spend the rest of the day lobbying their Congresspeople on the issue of abortion rights.

See attached schedule for more details.

NARAL ANNUAL MEETING - APRIL 28-30, 1979

Shoreham Americana Hotel, 1700 Cavert St. NW, Washington, D.C.

(A more detailed schedule will be available at the registration desk)

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Registration for Conference
 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Information Table
 3 - 6 p.m. Films
 6 - 9 p.m. Films

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Registration
 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Information Table
 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Exhibits
 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Welcome/Membership Meeting
 10 - 11 a.m. Plenary: "An Historical Perspective on Reproductive Freedom - U.S. and World View"
 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Brunch: "Abortion Rights: A Perspective"
 1 - 2 p.m. Plenary: Legislation/Litigation Overview
 2:15 - 3:45 p.m. Workshops, Session I
 Lobbying (2 separate Workshops)
 Getting the Media to Work for You, Advanced Techniques
 Minors' Rights/Parental Notification
 "Physicians for Choice" - Political Organizing for Physicians
 Campus Organizing
 Working with Union People
 4:15 - 6 p.m. Workshops, Session II
 Lobbying (2 separate Workshops)
 Working Within the Religious Community
 Community Organizing
 Media: Basics for Beginners
 Clinic Organizing
 Working with Minority People
 Working with Rural People
 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. Entertainment/Auction/Cash Bar

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

8 a.m. - noon Registration
 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Information Table
 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Exhibits
 9 - 10:15 a.m. Plenary: Electoral Politics
 10:30 a.m. - noon Workshops: Involve Yourself! How to Work Within State/National/Local Politics
 Noon State Caucuses
 12:15 - 1 p.m. Press Briefing on NARAL Electoral Strategy
 1:45 - 5 p.m. Films
 1:45 - 5:45 p.m. Debating Techniques

MONDAY, APRIL 30

8:30 a.m. Breakfast with Congressional Pro-Choice Leaders
 10 a.m. Press Conference
 ALL DAY Lobbying by Pro-Choice Supporters from Around the Country
 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Debating Techniques
 3 - 6 p.m. Wine & Cheese at Stewart Mott House, 122 Maryland Ave., N.E.

For more information, call:

Janet Beals, Director of Public Information; or
 Joan Elbertson, Conference Coordinator





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News Release

NATIONAL ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE
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APRIL 30, 1979, 10:30 AM

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SIX ANTI-ABORTION GROUPS CHARGED WITH ELECTION LAW VIOLATIONS

Washington, D.C. 5/30/79 -- Complaints alleging violations of federal election laws by two national and four state anti-abortion groups were filed today with the Federal Election Commission.

The complaints were filed by the National Abortion Rights Action League against two national anti-abortion organizations, the Life Amendment Political Action Committee (LAPAC), and the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC). Complaints were also filed against state anti-abortion groups in South Dakota, Massachusetts, Indiana and New Mexico.

"We are appalled at the major violations of federal election laws that we have found in our limited search. We are asking the Federal Election Commission to investigate the extent of this lawbreaking, and take appropriate action," said Executive Director Karen Mulhauser.

"Both national groups flagrantly violated election laws in 1978, and continue to do so. We have been saying since last November that their claims to political strength lack credibility. Their illegal actions make them even less credible."

NARAL is charging that the Life Amendment Political Action Committee is illegally soliciting funds from the general public through advertising, direct mail requests and ticket sales. NARAL alleges that the Life Amendment Political Action Committee is connected with the National Right to Life Committee, and federal election law clearly states that an affiliated organization may only solicit contributions from its parent organization's membership . . . not from the general public.

NARAL has requested the Federal Election Commission to order that such illegal activity be discontinued and to instruct LAPAC to return these illegally solicited funds to the donors.

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NARAL's second complaint, against the National Right to Life Committee, alleges that NRLC's Voter Identification Project (which seeks to identify anti-abortion voters and mobilize them in support of anti-abortion candidates) constitutes unlawful corporate contributions to anti-abortion candidates. NARAL is requesting that the FEC prohibit NRLC's Voter Identification Project.

NARAL is also drawing to the FEC's attention unreported and illegal election activity in South Dakota, Massachusetts, Indiana and New Mexico.

Penalties for these violations of federal election law by two national and four state anti-abortion groups could total in excess of a hundred thousand dollars. If the violations are found to be knowing and willful, penalties could be double that amount.

NARAL's complaint to the Federal Election Commission alleging illegal activities by the Iowa Pro Life Action Council in the 1978 election is still under investigation.

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February 25, 1980

Office of General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
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RE: MUR 1161

Dear Madam/Sir:

National Abortion Rights Action League ("NARAL") has asked me to respond to the complaint filed against them February 14, 1980 by James Bopp, Jr., Attorney for National Right to Life Committee ("NRLC"). (MUR 1161)

The complaint charges that NARAL violated 2 USC 437 g(a) (3)(B) by issuing press releases and holding a press conference before filing complaints with the FEC.

2 USC 437(g)(a)(3)(B) provides:

(B) Any notification or investigation made under paragraph (2) shall not be made public by the Commission or by any person without the written consent of the person receiving such notification or the person with respect to whom such investigation is made.

"Notification or investigation made under paragraph (2)," of course, refers to notification or investigation by the Commission after it has found reason to believe that a violation of federal election laws may have occurred. The complaint fails to allege any such public communications by NARAL.

In its desperate search for a violation of federal election law by NARAL, National Right to Life Committee attempts to find a violation in publicity issued before the complaints were filed. (Although it is not strictly relevant to any violation of federal election laws, the complaints were in fact filed after the press conference). Paradoxically, NRLC itself announced the filing of its complaints against NARAL in a January 1980 direct mail fundraising letter. (Exhibit "A"). Therefore NRLC either violated the law as it understood it or knowing that

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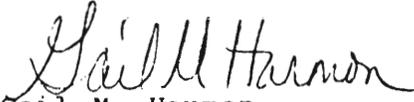
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neither its nor NARAL's actions violated the law, filed this complaint anyway. It cannot have it both ways.

I trust the Office of General Counsel will recommend that the Commission close the file on this frivolous complaint.

Sincerely,


Gail M. Harmon

GMH/dmw Enclosure

cc: Karin Mulhauser
James Bopp
Michelle Brown
Gary Johansen

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In an all-day session, we mapped out our legislative goals for the coming year. We agreed that the Bauman and Volkmer Amendments to the Child Health Assurance Bill (HR4962), already passed by the House of Representatives, should be given the highest priority by our legislative and lobbying staff.

If we are successful in passing this innovative legislation in the Senate, unamended, it could:

Eliminate the annual anguish we face in tying the Hyde Amendment to appropriation bills.

And, as the New York Times has stated: "...pull the legal rug from under state courts that have been inclined to rule that Federal law requires states to pay for abortions..."

- 3 --to successfully delay the approval of In Vitro Fertilization experimentation. We have collected over thirty thousand signatures in opposition to this outrage which could destroy thousands of God's smallest human creations.
- 4 --to move The National Right to Life News from the midwest into our Washington national offices. Here, at the hub of the press corps, this life-line of the pro-life movement is better able to monitor events as they occur, and at the same time effect operating cost efficiencies--so important in these inflationary times.
- 5 --to lay the foundation for the National Right to Life Political Action Committee and to give it a formal launching with a press conference in the nation's capitol on January 22nd.

Through this committee we plan to translate our growing political power into increased pro-life majorities in the House and in the Senate. This power comes from the only true source of power in this country-- the people! We are extremely proud of this grass-roots organization.

- 6 --to gear up our all-important Voter Identification Project in order to increase our educational efforts in this important election year.

The Voter Identification Project reveals those who are pro-life, those who are pro abortion, and those who are still undecided.

With these results, we can educate the undecided and spread the word about the horrors of abortion.

There are leaders to be trained, lists to be called, reports to be filled out, and hundreds of instruction booklets and other materials to be printed. Finally, we will need to store the information in retrievable form, on computer tapes.

But this is not all...

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Most significantly, the results can be used by pro-life political action committees to support and endorse candidates for political office who will act to stop abortions. In this election year, the success of this project is critical in our fight to get a Human Life Amendment on the law books of this country.

7 --to have our attorneys prepare a comprehensive sixty-five page brief that is now part of the evidence to be considered by the Supreme Court when it rules on the constitutionality of the Hyde Amendment.

This is one of the most important cases on the abortion issue since the January 22, 1973 decision, which made abortion on demand the law of our country.

The time for filing briefs expired on January 10th. Even though we were sorely taxed and greatly harassed, prompt action could be generated because of our support. A decision had to be made promptly and our counsel given the go-ahead, or it would be too late.

I knew, based on your response to my last letter, that you would want me to act decisively.

Exciting news - Yes! But remember the circling sharks!

Make no mistake about it, we have a real fight on our hands if we are to win our struggle to save the lives of innocent, tiny babies.

But we are winning — and we cannot afford to slip backwards now. Too many lives depend on us.

I know that I can continue to count on your support. Your donation of \$50, \$25, \$15, or \$100 - or whatever you can afford to give is needed now more than ever.

YES, NOW MORE THAN EVER. Because I have saved the most vital news for the last. It is A BLUEPRINT FOR WINNING IN THE '80's and it is in the hands of your state director even as you read this letter.

Let me tell you about it.

During the past three months, the National Right to Life Committee has held a series of regional meetings all around the country. Grass-roots pro-lifers gathered in Massachusetts, Virginia, Indiana, Georgia, Idaho, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Oregon for intensive one-day meetings with me, with NRLC leadership, and with state directors. Many questions were asked. Thousands of replies, comments and requests were received. Exploratory meetings, listening sessions, were met with gratifying enthusiasm and co-operation everywhere.

From these in-depth meetings has come a detailed, comprehensive and realistic plan. It maps out what we - all of us - must do in order to mount the kind of a campaign it is going to take to pass a Human Life Amendment out of

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the Congress, and just as importantly, to have it ratified in the state legislatures.

Only your National Right to Life Committee, the largest, most mature, and most accountable pro-life organization in the country - with grass-roots input from every state - could have conceived such an ambitious undertaking and carried it through to completion.

Yes, the cost of winning will be high. But if we follow the blueprint we have drawn up - WE WILL WIN IN THE '80's!

Yes, we will have to sacrifice - but we knew we would be called upon to do that when we committed our own lives to the saving of others' - those precious flames of life which are snuffed out every day in America's abortion chambers.

"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life then, that you and your descendants may live..." --Deuteronomy 30: 19-20

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FROM: MARJORIE W. EMMONS/MARGARET CHANEY *mm*
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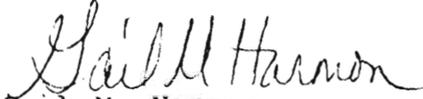
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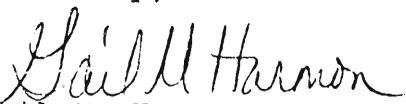
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But this is not all...

Most significantly, the results can be used by pro-life political action committees to support and endorse candidates for political office who will act to stop abortions. In this election year, the success of this project is critical in our fight to get a Human Life Amendment on the law books of this country.

7 --to have our attorneys prepare a comprehensive sixty-five page brief that is now part of the evidence to be considered by the Supreme Court when it rules on the constitutionality of the Ryde Amendment.

This is one of the most important cases on the abortion issue since the January 22, 1973 decision, which made abortion on demand the law of our country.

The time for filing briefs expired on January 10th. Even though we were sorely taxed and greatly harassed, prompt action could be generated because of our support. A decision had to be made promptly and our counsel given the go-ahead, or it would be too late.

I knew, based on your response to my last letter, that you would want me to act decisively.

Exciting news - Yes! But remember the circling sharks!

Make no mistake about it, we have a real fight on our hands if we are to win our struggle to save the lives of innocent, tiny babies.

But we are winning -- and we cannot afford to slip backwards now. Too many lives depend on us.

I know that I can continue to count on your support. Your donation of \$50, \$25, \$15, or \$100 - or whatever you can afford to give is needed now more than ever.

YES, NOW MORE THAN EVER. Because I have saved the most vital news for the last. It is A BLUEPRINT FOR WINNING IN THE '80's and it is in the hands of your state director even as you read this letter.

Let me tell you about it.

During the past three months, the National Right to Life Committee has held a series of regional meetings all around the country. Grass-roots proliferators gathered in Massachusetts, Virginia, Indiana, Georgia, Idaho, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Oregon for intensive one-day meetings with me, with NRLC leadership, and with state directors. Many questions were asked. Thousands of replies, comments and requests were received. Exploratory meetings, listening sessions, were met with gratifying enthusiasm and co-operation everywhere.

From these in-depth meetings has come a detailed, comprehensive and realistic plan. It maps out what we - all of us - must do in order to mount the kind of a campaign it is going to take to pass a Human Life Amendment out of

the Congress, and just as importantly, to have it ratified in the state legislatures.

Only your National Right to Life Committee, the largest, most mature, and most accountable pro-life organization in the country - with grass-roots input from every state - could have conceived such an ambitious undertaking and carried it through to completion.

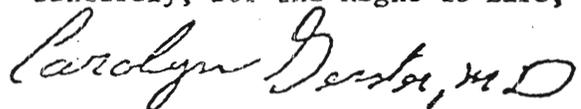
Yes, the cost of winning will be high. But if we follow the blueprint we have drawn up - WE WILL WIN IN THE '80's!

Yes, we will have to sacrifice - but we knew we would be called upon to do that when we committed our own lives to the saving of others' - those precious flames of life which are snuffed out every day in America's abortion chambers.

"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life then, that you and your descendants may live..." --Deuteronomy 30: 19-20

Won't you please send your sacrifice today? I have enclosed a postpaid envelope and ask you to write your check now for \$50, \$25, \$15 or even \$100 if you possibly can. Only you can make the choice for life a reality.

Sincerely, for the Right to Life,



Carolyn Gerster, M.D.
President

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P.S. - Please look again at our letterhead. We are not just a few people who have put our names on stationary and then mailed to ask for funds. We are the only pro-life organization governed by a board of directors representing the grass-roots movements of every state. Even if your contribution helps to save the life of only one helpless baby, the blessings you will receive will be inestimable. I am anxiously waiting to hear from you.

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February 19, 1980

CERTIFIED MAIL
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James Bopp, Jr.
Brames, Bopp & Haynes
Attorneys at Law
900 Sycamore Building
19 South Sixth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47808

Dear Mr. Bopp:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your complaint of February 11, 1980, against the National Abortion Rights Action League which alleges violations of the Federal Election Campaign laws. A staff member has been assigned to analyze your allegations. The respondent will be notified of this complaint within 5 days and a recommendation to the Federal Election Commission as to how this matter should be initially handled will be made 15 days after the respondent's notification. You will be notified as soon as the Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you have or receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to this office. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles N. Steele".

Charles N. Steele
General Counsel

Enclosure

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by sending a letter of representation stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and a statement authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Andersen, the attorney assigned to this matter at 202 523-4035. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedure for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Steere
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General Counsel

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February 19, 1980

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The Director
National Abortion Rights Action League
825 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: MUR 1161

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to notify you that on February 14, 1980, the Federal Election Commission received a complaint which alleges that the National Abortion Rights Action League may have violated certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") or Chapters 95 and 96 of Title 26, U.S. Code. A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 1161. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate, in writing, that no action should be taken against the National Abortion Rights Action League in connection with this matter. Your response must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public.

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February 11, 1980

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the National Right to Life Committee, Inc. (NRLC), I am filing the following complaint of violation of Federal election laws by the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL).

NARAL, 825 15th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005, is the self-styled "largest single issue group working to defend abortion rights." As such, it is opposed to any limitation on the right of women to obtain abortions on demand. NRLC is the primary advocate of such limitations.

On April 30, 1979, therefore, NARAL filed two complaints against NRLC and other right to life organizations claiming violations of federal election laws. The filing of these complaints was made public in violation of 2 USC 437g(a)(3)(B) as a malicious attempt to defame NRLC.

Specifically, on April 18, 1979, NARAL issued a press release notifying the public that at 10:00 a.m. on April 30, 1979, they would hold a press conference announcing the fact that "that morning" they had filed a complaint with the FEC against "two national anti-abortion groups". See April 18, 1979 press release, p. 4. On April 30, 1979 at 10:30 a.m., NARAL held a press conference announcing that complaints against NRLC and others "were filed today" with the Federal Election Commission. See April 30, 1979 press release, p. 1.

The public announcement of these complaints after they had been filed constituted a violation of 2 USC 437g(a)(3)(B) which prohibits "any notification of investigation" from being "made public ... by any person without the written consent of the person receiving such notification or the person with respect to whom such investigation is made." NRLC did not give NARAL written consent to make the matter public. By issuing press releases and holding press conferences after filing the complaint against NRLC, NARAL violated the law.

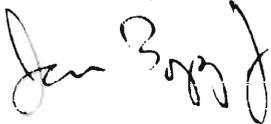
Accordingly, we request that the Federal Election Commission immediately investigate the complaint and impose appropriate fines for violation.

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I have prepared the complaint and believe that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. This complaint was not filed on behalf of or at the request or suggestion of any candidate.

Sincerely,



James Bopp, Jr.

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Attachments

Subscribed to and sworn to before me, a notary public, on this 11th day of February, 1980.

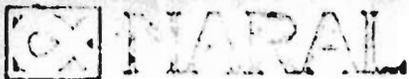


David D. Haynes, Notary Public

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NATIONAL ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE
825 15th Street, NW, Washington D. C. 20005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:

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(202) 347-7774 OR

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April 27-30: 234-0700, NARAL/Shoreham Americana

ABORTION RIGHTS CONVENTION FOCUSES ON ELECTORAL POLITICS

Washington, D.C., April 18, 1979 ----- Abortion rights supporters from all 50 states will converge on Washington this month to attend the National Abortion Rights Action League's annual convention. The League, the nation's largest single-issue group working to defend abortion rights, will celebrate its 10th year of existence at the April 28-30 annual meeting, to be held at the Shoreham-Americana Hotel.

The convention's focus on the combination of electoral politics with grassroots organizing parallels a recent change in strategy for the pro-choice group. "This year," said Karen Mulhauser, NARAL Executive Director, "marks the beginning of an aggressive campaign -- we call it "Impact '80" -- to let legislators know that compulsory pregnancy is not the will of the people. We are arming our activists now to support those who vote for choice. We know that the majority of Americans believe that abortion should remain a woman's personal decision and our goal is to organize that majority."

In workshops and other information sessions, participants will hear the history of the issue and learn to mobilize to insure its future.

A list of speakers follows:

Midge Costanza and Michael McCloud will lead the plenary on electoral politics (9-10:15 a.m., Sunday). Costanza, former Special Assistant to the President, will speak on the importance of grassroots involvement in electoral politics. McCloud,

right-hand man to John Anderson, will speak from his involvement in Anderson's successful campaign against a single-issue anti-abortion candidate in 1978. Anderson will be meeting the abortion issue head-on again in his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

Immediately following will be "how-to" workshops on electoral politics, led by six political consultants, including Matt Reese, specialist on campaigns for single-issue coalitions.

Highlights of Saturday's program include comments by well-known constitutional lawyer and abortion rights specialist Harriet Pilpel, the General Counsel to Planned Parenthood Federation of America. She will speak of the recent history of the abortion rights struggle -- how the fight was won through litigation and legislation. (Saturday plenary, 10-11 a.m.) Also speaking will be Rebecca Cook, who has been consulting at cabinet and parliamentary levels on national family planning law and policy for the past six years with the International Planned Parenthood Federation. She will discuss the increasing liberalization of abortion laws in other countries in the past dozen years, and its connection with other civil rights for women abroad. (Also Saturday plenary session)

Saturday brunch will include an address from Jeannie I. Rosoff, President of the Alan Guttmacher Institute. Rosoff will share her perspective as a long-time member of the Capitol Hill scene, recalling the days when even contraception was a practically forbidden topic.

Session I workshops (2:45-3:45 p.m., Saturday) include Minors' Rights by Bill Baird, who has been challenging restrictive birth control and abortion laws for 15 years, and is the plaintiff in Bellotti v. Baird, now before the Supreme Court, a case which will dramatically affect the rights of teenagers to abortions.

Session I will also mark the beginnings of the first national group for doctors organizing to defend a woman's right to abortion. The Physicians for Choice workshop will be directed by Dr. Christopher Tietze, one of the world's most eminent authorities on human fertility and its control. Dr. Tietze is now a Senior Consultant to

the Center for Policy Studies of the Population Council, where he is primarily concerned with research in the demographic and public health aspects of induced abortion. Dr. Tietze, with Dr. Jack Lippes, inventor of the "Lippes Loop" IUD, will discuss how to organize physicians to become actively involved in abortion rights.

Naomi Baden, Executive Director of the Coalition of Labor Union Women and a staff member of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, will lead Working with Union People, also in Session I. She will speak to the possibilities and problems of cooperation between abortion rights groups and labor unions.

Pat Gavett, Executive Director of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights, will preside over a workshop on Working with the Religious Community in Session II (4:15-6 p.m., Saturday). The Religious Coalition was responsible earlier this year for the recommitment of 18 of its member denominations and religious organizations to make abortion rights one of the major social action issues on which they work.

Well-known organizing expert and Director of the Midwest Academy, Heather Booth, will lead a community organizing workshop. Uta Landy, Executive Director of the National Abortion Federation, the professional association of abortion providers, and who established the first national toll-free consumer hotline on abortion, will lead the Clinic Organizing workshop.

Dr. Helen Rodriques-Trias, Chief of Pediatrics at Roosevelt Hospital in New York, will join other minority leaders in chairing the Working with Minorities workshop. She is a founder of the Committee to End Sterilization Abuse, and works to protect Puerto Rican women against coerced sterilization.

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Breakfast with Congressional pro-choice leaders will in the day on Monday, April 30 (8:30 a.m.) Expected so far are George Miller (D-CA), Michael Barnes (D-MD), Ted Weiss (D-NY), Tony Beilenson (D-CA), Vic Fazio (D-CA), and others.

Immediately following, a press conference will announce NARAL's allegations of major illegal actions by two national anti-abortion groups and four state anti-abortion groups. The conference will be held on Capitol Hill (exact location to be announced), at 10:00 a.m. Karen Mulhauser, NARAL Executive Director, will speak, and NARAL's attorney and others will be available as resource people. NARAL will be filing complaints against all six groups that morning with the Federal Election Commission. Another complaint against an Iowa anti-abortion group, the Pro-Life Action Council, was filed with the FEC by NARAL last year. It is still under investigation.

Convention-goers and many others will spend the rest of the day lobbying their Congresspeople on the issue of abortion rights.

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See attached schedule for more details.

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NARAL ANNUAL MEETING - APRIL 28-30, 1979

Shoreham Americana Hotel, 2100 Cavert St. NW, Washington, D.C.

(a more detailed schedule will be available at the registration desk)

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

3 - 6 p.m.

6 - 9 p.m.

Registration for Conference

Information Table

Films

Films

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

10 - 11 a.m.

11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

1 - 2 p.m.

2:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Registration

Information Table

Exhibits

Welcome/Membership Meeting

Plenary: "An Historical Perspective on Reproductive Freedom - U.S. and World View"

Brunch: "Abortion Rights: A Perspective"

Plenary: Legislation/Litigation Overview

Workshops, Session I

Lobbying (2 separate Workshops)

Getting the Media to Work for You, Advanced Techniques

Minors' Rights/Parental Notification

"Physicians for Choice" - Political Organizing for Physicians

Campus Organizing

Working with Union People

Workshops, Session II

Lobbying (2 separate Workshops)

Working Within the Religious Community

Community Organizing

Media: Basics for Beginners

Clinic Organizing

Working with Minority People

Working with Rural People

Entertainment/Auction/Cash Bar

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

8 a.m. - noon

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10:30 a.m. - noon

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12:15 - 1 p.m.

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Registration

Information Table

Exhibits

Plenary: Electoral Politics

Workshops: Involve Yourself! How to Work Within State/National/Local Politics

State Caucuses

Press Briefing on NARAL Electoral Strategy

Films

Debating Techniques

MONDAY, APRIL 30

8:30 a.m.

10 a.m.

ALL DAY

1:30 - 5:30 p.m.

3 - 6 p.m.

Breakfast with Congressional Pro-Choice Leaders

Press Conference

Lobbying by Pro-Choice Supporters from Around the Country

Debating Techniques

Wine & Cheese at Stewart Mott House, 122 Maryland Ave., N.E.

For more information, call:

Janet Beals, Director of Public Information; or

Joan Eisenstodt, Conference Coordinator at (202)347-7774



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SIX ANTI-ABORTION GROUPS CHARGED WITH ELECTION LAW VIOLATIONS

Washington, D.C. 5/30/79 -- Complaints alleging violations of federal election laws by two national and four state anti-abortion groups were filed today with the Federal Election Commission.

The complaints were filed by the National Abortion Rights Action League against two national anti-abortion organizations, the Life Amendment Political Action Committee (LAPAC), and the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC). Complaints were also filed against state anti-abortion groups in South Dakota, Massachusetts, Indiana and New Mexico.

"We are appalled at the major violations of federal election laws that we have found in our limited search. We are asking the Federal Election Commission to investigate the extent of this lawbreaking, and take appropriate action," said Executive Director Karen Mulhauser.

"Both national groups flagrantly violated election laws in 1978, and continue to do so. We have been saying since last November that their claims to political strength lack credibility. Their illegal actions make them even less credible."

NARAL is charging that the Life Amendment Political Action Committee is illegally soliciting funds from the general public through advertising, direct mail requests and ticket sales. NARAL alleges that the Life Amendment Political Action Committee is connected with the National Right to Life Committee, and federal election law clearly states that an affiliated organization may only solicit contributions from its parent organization's membership . . . not from the general public.

NARAL has requested the Federal Election Commission to order that such illegal activity be discontinued and to instruct LAPAC to return these illegally solicited funds to the donors.

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