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General Counsel's Office
Federal Elections Commission
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 4883

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am the complainant in the referenced matter. To date the FEC has taken no action.

Please be advised that violations of the Election Law are apparently underway again. Phoners are being **hired**, meaning funds are being spent, in addition to the cost of the phone calls. As the referenced complaint documents, these funds have not been reported as required by the Election Law. Worse, the source of these funds have not been reported. Based upon the information provided in connection with the original complaint, and the pattern of conduct this organization has demonstrated flagrantly ignoring Federal Election Law, apparently they are gearing up to break the law again. This is an organization that bragged that they made 86,000 phone calls to help elect a pro-choice Senator from New York with not one cent disclosed to the public. See October 25, 1999 submission in connection with this MUR.

Please ensure that action is taken on the pending MUR and undertake and supplement the complaint with the information herewith provided.

Sincerely,


Aldo V. Vitagliano

cc: Ronald Patafio, Editor
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for Legal Abortion, Inc.

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Supreme Court Voids 'Partial Birth Abortion' Laws

By Polly Rothstein

The Supreme Court tore a "partial birth abortion" law to shreds and exposed its inherent fraud. The 5-4 decision in *Stenberg v. Carhart*, striking down the Nebraska law, was everything that the plaintiff, Dr. Leroy Carhart, had hoped for.

"We hold that this statute violates

the Constitution," read the majority opinion. The public can now absorb the truth about so-called "partial birth abortion" bans: they're an extreme and unconstitutional ploy to destroy reproductive rights and take away the right of American women to abortion.

Janet Benshoof, president of the Center for Reproductive Law and

Policy, which represented Dr. Carhart, depicted June 28 as a day for "champagne and shivers," for the scope of the decision and the surprising 5-4 margin. CRLP attorney Simon Heller argued Dr. Carhart's position.

Justice Stephen Breyer wrote the

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Hillary and Nita Host WCLA Benefit



Hillary Rodham Clinton and Rep. Nita Lowey will host a fundraiser

for WCLA on Monday, Aug. 21, 7pm, at a private home in Purchase.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Use the coupon on page 15, or call 946-5363 for information and reservations.



Women's Equality Day

Celebrating Women's Suffrage Friday, Aug. 25, 2000

White Plains Library, 2nd floor
Martine Ave. at Grove St.,
White Plains

Gather 11:30 am; festivities at noon; reception to follow.

Woman of the Year:

Hon. Joan Cooney

Project of the Year: Camp Viva

Rick Lazio is Anti-Choice

By Polly Rothstein

Rick Lazio is the stand-in for Rudy Giuliani in the election for US Senator against Hillary Rodham Clinton. Lazio's claim to be "solidly pro-choice" crumbles with scrutiny of his congressional voting record and his current statements. He acknowledges only opposition to "partial birth" abortion and Medicaid funding (either of which define him as anti-choice). He deceives by half-truth, aping other anti-choice Republicans who redefine "pro-choice" to include themselves.

For example, Lazio illustrates how pro-choice he is by saying he wouldn't vote to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Of course not; he'll never vote on *Roe* because Congress lacks the power to overturn Supreme Court decisions. But Lazio has actually voted to kill *Roe* by voting repeatedly for a ban on "partial

birth" abortions which, had it been upheld by the Supreme Court, would have overturned *Roe v. Wade* and permitted states to outlaw abortions throughout pregnancy. Lazio refused to comment on the June 28 Supreme Court decision in *Carhart*, which declared exactly that. (Clinton hailed the decision.) Instead, he persists in condemning "partial birth abortion" as "gruesome," as if the court had not spoken, all the while describing himself as "solidly pro-choice." Lazio's strategy is to ignore the unambiguous decision and pummel Clinton on "partial birth abortion," painting her as a pro-choice extremist.

Lazio, if elected senator, will have opportunities to overturn *Roe* by voting to confirm Bush's anti-*Roe*

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Birth Control for County Employees

A new initiative by Westchester County Executive Andy Spano has made prescription contraceptives available to county employees participating in the county's health benefit plan starting July 1. "WCLA played a leading role in making this happen," Spano said.

"This coverage is long overdue. It's become increasingly important that we recognize the specific needs of our female workers and provide them with the services they seek," Spano said. "The county is well aware of the costs of such prescriptions and wants to reduce the burden so often placed on women."



County Executive
Andy Spano

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