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Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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The White House
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Dear President Clinton,

On behalf of Voters For Choice, the majority of women in this country, their families, and myself, thank you for your unequivocal leadership supporting reproductive freedom. You have made history as the first U.S. President to proudly and publicly support the right to choose. We are honored to have endorsed and supported both of your Presidential campaign efforts.

January 22nd, 1998 is the twenty-fifth anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Voters For Choice will be sponsoring a series of events around the country to commemorate Roe. In Washington, DC, on the evening of the 22nd, Voters For Choice will host our seventh annual Roe v. Wade benefit rock concert at Constitution Hall.

Here is my question: Would you be willing to serve as the Honorary Chair of and participate in this important anniversary celebration?

Members of Congress, activists, and young people from all over the country attend this annual event, as do representatives from The New York Times, Washington Post and such important news and music media outlets as MTV and Rolling Stone. Our 1993 and 1997 benefit concerts were dedicated to you and celebrated your election to office.

Attached are copies of programs from the past events, which featured Bonnie Raitt, Pearl Jam, Neil Young, Crosby Stills and Nash, Mary Chapin Carpenter, L7, Rickie Lee Jones, Shawn Colvin, Melissa Etheridge, The Indigo Girls, Keb'Mo', Bruce Hornsby, Ani DiFranco, and Joan Osborne.

Your participation would allow us to publicly thank you for being our most important champion. Please have someone on your staff get back to me as soon as you possibly can (my office number is 212-445-6214; my home number is 212-288-0497). I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

Sincerely,


Gloria Steinem

July 8, 1997
- **MM** - What do you think
- **Maria** Sister?
- **LESS**
- **Ann Lewis**



Elections are the most important battleground for reproductive freedom. They determine who controls Congress, the state legislatures, the courts – all arenas where opponents of choice are making their most damaging attacks on women's right to privacy and clinics' right to safety. The good news is that the majority of Americans are pro-choice. The bad news is that too few of them vote.

■ Gloria Steinem



It is important not only to celebrate a woman's fundamental right to choose, but to continue to work for the protection of this right. I am proud to be part of Voters For Choice as an artist, a woman, and a concerned citizen.

Mary Chapin Carpenter

Men and women always have and always will make the choices they are driven to make concerning their own bodies. It is a basic right, and one we must protect.

Shawn Colvin

We must have reproductive care and abortion services available to all women. To do anything else is a violation of women's civil rights. The fact that only 17 states provide abortion services to women on public assistance is reproductive insanity.

David Crosby

One of the things I like best about my body (other than my *bodacious beehind*) is my control over it. You can't have that. You just can't.

Ani DiFranco

Make no mistake. This clearly is an issue of personal freedom – not one of morality. Morality cannot be legislated. Morality is clearly a matter of personal choice. Personal choice can be limited and will be limited unless thinking women and men raise our voices against those who wish to take away our freedoms.

Melissa Etheridge

We are talking about an issue of women's rights. A woman's right to make choices about her own body should be protected, not prevented, by law.

The Indigo Girls

A woman's right to choose is one very important issue on the road to equality and mutual respect for all people and all life on the planet.

Keb'Mo'

We must, first and foremost, take responsibility for our political environment so that we may take responsibility for, and preserve the sanctity of, our own bodies.

Joan Osborne

I support Voters For Choice because they are one of the best groups to do the work needed to reclaim Congress and the state legislatures for the pro-choice majority.

Bonnie Raitt

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- ☐ I want to support Voters For Choice and help elect the candidates who will be the pro-choice voices and votes in the halls of Congress and in the state legislatures. Enclosed is my contribution of:
- ☐ \$500 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$ _____
- ☐ Please charge my contribution to my (circle one) MasterCard / Visa / American Express:

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Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Telephone _____

Voters For Choice is required by law to request the following information:

Occupation _____ Name of Employer _____

- ☐ I'd like to start a Voters For Choice Network in my town to raise more money for pro-choice candidates and raise my voice for choice. Please send me information.

VOTERS FOR CHOICE – BECAUSE WHO WINS ELECTIONS MATTERS

Since 1994, an anti-choice Congress has set reproductive freedom back twenty years, leaving the right to safe, legal abortion far more limited than most Americans know. They limited training for doctors, access for women in the military, and for poor women. They passed a law banning discussion of abortion on the Internet and voted to take away doctors' authority to use the safest abortion procedure for their patients. They aimed to reduce the availability of contraceptives, slashing the international family planning program and almost eliminating the national family planning program.

In 1996, supporters of choice fought to reclaim Congress, and reduced the number of anti-choice Members. But opponents of your right to choose still remain in control.

The work to defend the right to choose must continue. You can help by joining with VOTERS FOR CHOICE today.

VOTERS FOR CHOICE FIGHTS FOR CHOICE AT THE BALLOT BOX

VOTERS FOR CHOICE is the only national pro-choice organization whose sole purpose is to elect pro-choice candidates.

VOTERS FOR CHOICE supports pro-choice candidates running for the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, governor, and the state legislature.

VOTERS FOR CHOICE is nonpartisan and independent. We assist Democrats and Republicans, incumbents and challengers. We help candidates in primary and general elections.

VOTERS FOR CHOICE steps forward where other pro-choice organizations – those providing important health services, education, legal or lobbying assistance – cannot. We work directly in the electoral arena and are the necessary umbrella PAC for the pro-choice movement.

VOTERS FOR CHOICE IS EXPERIENCED AND EFFECTIVE

VOTERS FOR CHOICE has over eighteen years of experience and in that time has developed a reputation as a highly effective, action-oriented political action committee, rated in the nation's top 50 PACs.

VOTERS FOR CHOICE has helped send over 250 supporters of choice to Congress over the years, and has advised countless pro-choice candidates, consultants and party representatives on how to develop and articulate a pro-choice public policy position that will enhance political campaigns.

VOTERS FOR CHOICE has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for pro-choice candidates and targeted those much needed funds to the most important races and to the candidates who can make the best use of them.

VOTERS FOR CHOICE PROVIDES

- *Contributions To Candidates:* Targeted to candidates in close races and to campaigns where Voters For Choice contributors' dollars can make the difference between victory and defeat.
- *Voter Education, Registration, Identification, and Get-Out-The-Vote Services:* Informing voters about reproductive choice issues, identifying pro-choice voters, and delivering them to the polls.
- *Independent Expenditures:* Persuasion mail and radio and TV ads urging voters to vote for the pro-choice candidate in select key races.
- *Campaign Services:* Assisting candidates in key aspects of successful campaigns like media, polling, and fundraising.

Voters For Choice was one of the first national organizations to support my campaign. And they didn't just help with money. Voters For Choice identified pro-choice voters in my district, told them about my candidacy, and got them out to vote when it mattered on election day.

– Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, who beat six-term anti-choice leader Bob Dornan in 1996

ELECTING PRO-CHOICE CANDIDATES: WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ✓ REGISTER TO VOTE, AND MAKE SURE ALL YOUR PRO-CHOICE FRIENDS ARE REGISTERED, TOO.
- ✓ FIND OUT WHO YOUR LOCAL PRO-CHOICE CANDIDATES ARE, AND MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS VOTE FOR THEM.
- ✓ CONTRIBUTE TO VOTERS FOR CHOICE AND TO LOCAL PRO-CHOICE CANDIDATES.
- ✓ VOLUNTEER IN LOCAL PRO-CHOICE CAMPAIGNS.
- ✓ START A VOTERS FOR CHOICE NETWORK – AND GIVE VOICE TO THE PRO-CHOICE MAJORITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

VOTERS FOR CHOICE CAN HELP YOU REGISTER TO VOTE, identify pro-choice candidates, and start a VFC Network. Give us a call today.

- *Winning With Choice:* Our highly acclaimed campaign handbook, updated every election year, which tells candidates how to make their pro-choice position a winning one for their campaign.
- *Research On The Religious Right:* Including strategies pro-choice candidates can use to defeat candidates backed by the Religious Right.
- *Donor Information Services:* Advising donors who want to make contributions directly to candidates about which campaigns are most in need of funds.

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