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Dear Dr. Clark,

I wanted to send you a personal note of exceptional urgency to ask your help.

After months of struggle, our battle in Congress for the Hyde-Helms Human Life Bill and against the compromise constitutional amendment of Senator Orrin Hatch has reached a critical stage.

We're facing a crisis. It's clear that Congress will soon make a choice of historic importance.

The Senate will decide either to follow Senator Helms' leadership and act on a genuine right to life bill affirming the rights of the unborn, or it will opt for the old politician's ploy of backing a "compromise" which will not pass and will remove the issue of abortion from consideration for the foreseeable future.

I don't need to tell you which alternative seems most attractive to the ordinary politician.

On the other hand, I don't think we have a choice. "It is time," as Senator Helms says, "to put our belief in the sanctity of human life to the test." And we're going to do so. We're going to stand by Senator Helms ... and the unborn.

But, frankly, the prospects are grim unless you help create a possible margin of victory.

The problem is this: The independent pro-life movement has almost been overwhelmed by the tremendous investment of money, staff, equipment, and organization used to promote the Hatch compromise. Pro-life leaders have been subjected to incredible pressures and in some cases, have been unable to resist them.

Some estimates put the price tag on this campaign at over a million dollars. There is a critical need for a countervailing force, however modest.

At the urging of several of the leaders -- both Catholic and Protestant -- of the independent right to life movement, the Christian Action Council held extensive consultations and planning meetings over Christmas to try to redress the situation.

As a result, our offices are a center for tremendous activity. We have brought in more workers, acquired vitally needed communications equipment, and are putting into effect a legislative plan of action that may win ... with God's grace and your help.

It is costing us \$8,000 a week to fund these efforts. If you think it is right to stand by Senator Helms and the bill he and Congressman Hyde have sponsored, I would be grateful if you would send a check to the CAC today for \$500, \$250, \$100, or whatever you are able to afford, so that we can continue the fight. Can I count on you?

My thanks,


Curtis J. Young
Executive Director

P.S. I cannot remember ever having written to the sponsors of the CAC, specifically requesting their financial assistance. But finances are needed if the necessary campaign is to succeed. And I am convinced that the integrity and credibility of the pro-life movement are at stake. If we who have accepted the responsibility to defend the sanctity of pre-natal life are willing to compromise their God-given rights as persons, then we have failed in our mission.

Perhaps you would contact some likeminded friends regarding our present commitment and the need for financial support to see it through.

The urgency of our right to life message is real, and that must be reflected in the extent to which we sacrifice now. Again, thank you for whatever you can do.