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Bush Names Second Supreme Court Nominee

NPLA President Urges Cautiously Optimistic Scrutiny



With his second Supreme Court nominee to fill the Supreme Court seat vacated by pro-abortion Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Bush has the opportunity to bring the Court within one vote of overturning *Roe*.

On October 3, President Bush announced White House Counsel Harriet Miers as his second nominee to the United States Supreme Court to fill the vacancy

opened up by retiring pro-abortion Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

O'Connor, named to the Court by pro-life President Ronald Reagan, proved to be

an enormous disappointment for pro-lifers and was the "swing vote" on the Supreme Court in many abortion-related cases that came before the Court -- voting both to uphold *Roe v. Wade* and to overturn Nebraska's Partial-Birth Abortion Ban.

With this unprecedented opportunity to replace the pro-abortion O'Connor with a pro-life, strict-constructionist judge -- and possibly bring *Roe v. Wade* within one single vote of being overturned -- pro-lifers were hoping for the nomination of a well-established pro-life nominee with a clear record in defense of the unborn.

Since early July, National Pro-Life Alliance members have lobbied the White House urging President Bush to put forward a candidate with strong pro-life credentials worthy of grass-roots support.

Harriet Miers -- a long time lawyer for President Bush -- has never served as a judge and, therefore, has no previous rulings on abortion cases.

National Pro-Life Alliance President Martin Fox expressed both disappoint-

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NPLA Calls for Pro-Life FDA Commissioner

Members Fight Chemical Abortion on Several Fronts

In a surprise move, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Lester Crawford resigned in late September -- just two weeks after being confirmed by the Senate.

The FDA has been under intense pressure from the pro-abortion lobby for delaying a decision on whether or not to approve over-the-counter status for misla-

beled "emergency contraception" drugs which proponents have given innocent names like "Plan B" to hide their true nature.

Like its deadly predecessor -- RU-486 -- the drugs frequently work by killing newly-formed babies in the first stages of life.

Abortion proponents, particularly

groups like Planned Parenthood -- the nation's largest abortion provider -- have good reason for wanting to see these drugs made available over-the-counter.

The increased availability, especially

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ment and hope at President Bush's nomination of Harriet Miers.

"I am disappointed that the President chose not to put forward a proven pro-life nominee that is unambiguous in defense of the unborn and worthy of all-out support from pro-lifers," said Fox.

"While I remain hopeful and optimistic that Harriet Miers would make an outstanding Associate Justice if confirmed to the Supreme Court, many questions still must be asked."

Initial Evidence on Miers' Abortion Stance Gives Reason for Hope

Miers has had a 20 year close professional association with President Bush, who vigorously insists she will defend the Constitution on issues of concern to pro-lifers.

As the head of the Texas Bar Association in the early 1990s, Miers led an effort to end the American Bar Association's pro-abortion position.

Miers was involved in a Texas pro-life group and is very active in a strongly pro-life evangelical Christian church.

But with no judicial history, Martin Fox is urging Senators to exercise extreme caution and to perform due diligence in the coming Senate hearings on the Miers nomination.

"With such an unprecedented opportunity to reduce the pro-abortion Supreme Court majority, it is imperative that Senators closely scrutinize Ms. Miers to be sure of her judicial philosophy before casting their vote."

By all accounts, the battle over President Bush's next appointment to the court will be far more contentious than the Roberts nomination.

Pro-abortion Senators avoided the public spectacle of filibustering a Supreme Court nominee over a losing issue like abortion-on-demand.

But now they will face the full wrath of the radical pro-abortion interest groups that wield so much power in the Democrat party should they fail to apply a pro-abortion litmus test to Harriet Miers.

As soon as the first Supreme Court vacancy was announced in early July, the

Alliance mobilized its members to urge President Bush to select a pro-life nominee to fill the open seat.

When President Bush selected John Roberts as his nominee, the National Pro-Life Alliance launched a full-scale campaign to overcome pro-abortion opposition in the Senate.

Members flooded their Senators with petitions, post cards and actiongrams urging the swift confirmation of John Roberts.

Hard-hitting television and newspaper ads ran in the critical days before the Senate vote targeting 14 pro-abortion U.S. Senators deemed likely to oppose the Roberts nomination using a pro-abortion litmus test.

Many NPLA members have already authorized actiongrams to their U.S. Senators on the Miers nomination, and if additional evidence arises to indicate that Harriet Miers is worthy of pro-life support, the Alliance will intensify its efforts to secure her Supreme Court nomination.

NPLA Members Lead Assault on Pro-Abortion Supreme Court Majority

Since this vacancy deals with a pro-abortion seat on the Supreme Court, Fox emphasized the double importance of this nomination to ending thirty-two years of court-ordered abortion-on-demand.

"We trust that President Bush kept his promise to nominate strict constructionists to the Supreme Court in his selection of Judge Roberts.

"However, even if Roberts proves to be a reliable pro-life vote on the court, pro-lifers will have a net gain of zero if the second nominee supports abortion," points out Fox.

"With more than 45 million unborn lives lost since *Roe v. Wade*, we simply can't accept the status quo. This is a fight in which defeat is simply not an option."

Pro-lifers now find themselves in a unique situation with the possibility of a total of three vacancies on the Supreme Court within President Bush's term.

Rumors have circulated inside the beltway for years about the possible retirement of Justice John Paul Stevens, who is

85 years old, and one of the courts most strident supporters of abortion.

Should Justice Stevens resign, the pro-abortion majority on the Supreme Court would be in serious jeopardy.

If President Bush does fill three vacancies on the Court during his presidency, and all three of his appointments prove to be pro-life allies, it could mean a reversal of *Roe v. Wade* by the Supreme Court.

Fox Urges Maximum Pro-Life Vigilance on Nominations

But Martin Fox continues to warn members not to take pro-life nominees for granted.

"Past experience has shown that the abortion lobby and the media can put horrendous pressure on even the most well intentioned Presidents," stated Fox.

"Without a mobilized pro-life movement, the pressures are weighty to nominate someone who is hoped to be pro-life, but without a clear record or commitment.

"This strategy has in the past given us judicial Pontius Pilots such as Souter, Kennedy and O'Connor who -- when the long-awaited opportunity came in 1992 to overturn *Roe v. Wade* -- washed their hands of innocent blood and abandoned millions more babies to violent, grisly deaths.

"When pro-lifers enthusiastically helped elect Presidents Reagan and Bush Senior, this is not why they did it.

"And let's not forget how, when Nixon's first choices were defeated, he ended up nominating Harry Blackmun -- the main force behind *Roe v. Wade* and consequent abortion rulings.

"The complex realities of politics demand we maintain maximum vigilance today.

"That's why," Fox warns, "it's crucial that your Senators know that you expect them to honor their solemn duty to ensure that Ms. Miers and any other Supreme Court nominees are qualified to sit on the Highest Court in the land.

"She must demonstrate that she is firmly committed to upholding the Constitution and will strike down court-invented 'rights' such as abortion," concluded Fox.



NPLA Members Mobilized to Help Secure Confirmation of Chief Justice

Member Activism, Tough Ads Help Overcome Pro-Abortion Opposition

National Pro-Life Alliance members enjoyed a well-deserved victory on Thursday, September 29, when the Senate voted to confirm Judge John G. Roberts as the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

President Bush's nominee was confirmed to the high court by an overwhelming vote of 78 to 22.

Yet, prior to Roberts' nomination, pro-life and pro-abortion proponents alike geared up for what looked to be a major battle.

Even before President Bush's nominee was announced, National Pro-Life Alliance members sent thousands of post cards and letters to President George W. Bush urging him to reject pro-abortion candidates like Alberto Gonzales and to nominate a pro-life justice who would uphold the Constitution.

NPLA Legislative Director Mike Muench credits members' quick action in

playing a crucial role in combating big media's drumbeat for candidates like Gonzales.

Although in the last weeks before the vote, even the national media was forced to concede Roberts' confirmation -- barely six weeks earlier -- the outcome for his confirmation was far from sure.

NPLA Members Lead Comeback from a Doubtful Beginning

Almost immediately after President Bush announced his nomination, the pro-abortion lobby shrieked their opposition.

The National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) even launched vicious television ads accusing John Roberts of condoning violence at abortion clinics.

In the Senate, pro-abortion leaders geared up to apply what amounted to an abortion litmus test against John Roberts.

Even prior to Roberts' hearing, Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) publicly announced his use of an abortion litmus test.

On national television, Durbin said that he would vote against John Roberts, or any judicial nominee, unless he or she promised to uphold the court-invented "right" to privacy used to usher in *Roe v. Wade*.

Other Democrats on the Judiciary Committee like Joe Biden (D-DE) announced their opposition and Ted Kennedy (D-MA) renewed talks of filibustering the nomination.

NPLA Members Bury Senate Under Pro-Life Actiongrams

Anticipating the stiff opposition that Judge John Roberts was up against, NPLA members didn't hesitate to take action.

Pro-Life Congressman Steve King (R-IA) took up the mantle of pro-life leadership and worked with the National Pro-Life Alliance to mobilize members to put heat on the Senate.

Members immediately got to work and buried their Senators under tens of thousands of Pro-Life Actiongram Telegrams and post cards urging them to support John Roberts' confirmation.

As Mike Muench explained, "The goal was to convince Senators who were likely to cast 'swing' votes on John Roberts to vote in favor of his confirmation.

At the same time, we wanted to intimidate Roberts' most antagonistic opponents into backing off from a filibuster, which a minority could use to sink the nomination."

Members, however, didn't stop at lobbying their own home-state Senators.

After Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist wavered on several important pro-life issues, his office was flooded with Pro-Life Petitions from National Pro-Life Alliance members from all over the country.

NPLA Television Ad



Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins (Maine) were two of 14 Senators targeted by NPLA's ad campaign. Both voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, a fact highlighted in the hard-hitting ads. In the end, both voted to confirm Judge John G. Roberts.

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The petitions urged Senator Frist to do everything in his power to confirm John Roberts as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

This massive grass-roots lobbying campaign was just one part of National Pro-Life Alliance members' efforts to ensure that a pro-life Justice was placed on the Supreme Court.

NPLA Members Fund Crucial Media Campaign in Support of Roberts

At the insistence of National Pro-Life Alliance members in a member survey, the Alliance organized a mass media campaign targeting 14 Senators in 8 states.

National Pro-Life Alliance members generously funded the television and newspaper ad campaign, which pressured those Senators who were likely to apply an abortion litmus test when voting on Roberts.

To increase the publicity of the media

campaign, NPLA Executive Director Mary King took to the road giving a tour of press conferences across the country.

14 Radical Pro-Abortion Senators Targeted by Hard-Hitting Ads

The media campaign targeted Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins (R-ME), Thomas Carper (D-DE), Max Baucus (D-MT), Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray (D-WA), Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin (D-MI), Lincoln Chafee (R-RI) and Jack Reed (D-RI), Hillary Clinton and Chuck Schumer (D-NY), and Russell Feingold and Herb Kohl (D-WI).

"These fourteen Senators," Muench explained, "were chosen because they were deemed likely to apply an abortion litmus test. Although they all claimed to be uncommitted on the nomination, they were among a radical minority that voted in 2003 to protect the horrific partial-birth abortion procedure."

Since the Supreme Court will soon be reviewing the Federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, the hard-hitting television and newspaper advertisements highlighted each Senator's radical commitment to partial-birth abortion.

The ads also urged viewers to get on the phone and demand that their Senators reject a pro-abortion litmus test and vote in favor of John Roberts.

At the end of the day, the public outcry from National Pro-Life Alliance members and pro-lifers across the nation proved too much for the radical pro-abortionists.

When the vote was counted, 7 of the 14 hard-core, pro-abortion Senators targeted by NPLA's advertisement campaign capitulated and voted to confirm Roberts.

According to Muench, "Even those Senators whose votes we did not get will pay a price since most of the remaining seven face reelection campaigns next year."

Battle Over Pro-Abortion Justice O'Connor's Seat Promises to Be More Intense

In the face of massive pro-life mobilization, the Senate showdown ended in Roberts' confirmation 78-22 as pro-abortion zealots finally decided to save their ammunition for President Bush's next nominee who will fill the seat of retiring pro-abortion Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Since a pro-life pickup of Sandra Day O'Connor's seat will likely make the difference in upholding the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban and bring the Court one vote away from overturning *Roe v. Wade*, pro-abortion zealots will fight tooth and nail to keep their pro-abortion majority intact.



Judge John Roberts was sworn in as the 17th Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court on September 29. Pro-abortion opposition to Roberts' confirmation crumbled under an outpouring of pro-life pressure including an intense grass-roots and media campaign mounted by NPLA members.

NPLA Members Intensify Push for Life at Conception Act Vote

Congressional Support for Overturning Roe v. Wade Reaches Record Level

With the completion of another round of Congressional lobbying by NPLA staff and an extensive petition campaign by NPLA members, the Life at Conception Act now has an all-time record number of cosponsors in the United States House of Representatives.

Sixty-seven Congressmen are now on board as cosponsors of the Life at Conception Act (H.R. 552) and National Pro-Life Alliance members are intensifying their campaign to secure a vote on the bill in Congress, which is currently awaiting action in the Subcommittee on the Constitution of the House Judiciary Committee.

In the thirty-five years since *Roe v. Wade*, pro-lifers have alternately put their hope in overturning *Roe* through a change in the Supreme Court and/or a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution.

But neither of these approaches have proven successful.

A Human Life Amendment requires a 2/3 majority in Congress and 3/4 of the state legislatures.

Overturning *Roe* through the appointment of pro-life judges to the Supreme Court has also proven problematic.

Justices Kennedy and Souter were both appointed by Republican presidents and both have been consistent pro-abortion votes on the Court.

NPLA Members Lead Charge in Legislative Assault on *Roe*

That's why the main thrust of the National Pro-Life Alliance has been passage of a Life at Conception Act in Congress.

Since a Life at Conception Act sharpens the protection of life already written in the Constitution rather than amending the Constitution to insert a new previously undefined right, it requires only a majority vote in Congress to enact as opposed to the two-thirds majority and ratification by states required to amend the Constitution.

If enacted, this bill would dismantle

the tragic *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision, effectively eliminating abortion-on-demand.

The bill legally establishes that the protection of life guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution is vested in each baby boy and girl from the moment of conception.

Bill Would Legislatively Define Unborn as Legal Persons

By officially recognizing the personhood of unborn children, Congressman Duncan Hunter's (R-CA) Life at Conception Act (H.R. 552) is the basis for Congress to assume its responsibility to assure equal protection under the law for each born and pre-born human in the United States.

Ironically, the legal basis for a Life at Conception Act is found in the very ruling the bill is designed to overturn.

Supreme Court Justice Harold A. Blackmun wrote these words when he handed down *Roe v. Wade*:

"We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins . . . the judiciary at this point in the development of man's knowledge is not in a position to speculate as to the answer.

"If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant's case, [i.e. "Roe" who sought an abortion] of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment . . ."

NPLA Strategy to Pass Life at Conception Act Produces Increased Success

While there are older pro-life lobbying groups, in recent years National Pro-Life Alliance members have taken the lead in the movement to pass a Life at Conception Act.

Already they have generated more than one million petitions to Congress in favor

of the bill.

The debate over a Life at Conception Act also places responsibility for abortion-on-demand squarely on the shoulders of Congress where it belongs, making them accountable to voters over their actions on behalf of the unborn.

The National Pro-Life Alliance's strategy to pass a Life at Conception Act revolves around grass-roots member activism that has resulted in a steady increase in support among lawmakers in Congress.

Grass-roots Strategy Builds Record Support to Protect Life from Conception

First, the National Pro-Life Alliance mobilizes a grass-roots army of NPLA members and other pro-lifers nationwide, generating a flood of petitions, post cards and phone calls to Congress urging lawmakers to sign on as cosponsors.

Then, as elections close in, the Alliance surveys every candidate in every election for Congress, putting each politician on record with ten tough questions on a wide range of pro-life issues, including a Life at Conception Act.

The Alliance then mails members and identified pro-lifers nationwide the results of the Candidate Survey Program.

Thus, NPLA members are lobbying their candidates at just the moment when the politicians are most concerned with what their constituents think – when they are out seeking votes.

In the last election cycle the National Pro-Life Alliance surveyed 1,994 candidates for state and federal office, mailed more than 2 ½ million post cards urging candidates to pledge support for the Sanctity of Life, made tens of thousands of calls to pro-lifers and through the Alliance's affiliated political action committee (NPLA-PAC) donated over

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\$200,000 directly to the campaigns of pro-life champions.

By running an extremely tight ship, NPLA-PAC has become the largest pro-life PAC in the nation, giving more than 95% of all contributions directly to the campaigns of 64 pro-life champions that the PAC targeted.

Life at Conception Act Exposes Abortion Apologists in Congress

Even more importantly, by pushing the Life at Conception Act, NPLA members smoke out stealth abortion apologists who then become targets in the next election.

Many politicians claim to be pro-life by supporting minor regulations on abortion in extreme cases.

But Fox noted that “only true pro-lifers can support a bill to protect all human life without exception from the moment of conception.”

As stealth pro-abortion candidates are identified and defeated, fresh pro-life heroes are sent to Congress to replace them and the result has been a steady increase in support for a Life at Conception Act in Congress.

With record support for a Life at Conception Act in Congress, the Alliance is increasing pressure for a vote on the measure, which would ratchet up the public debate over abortion-on-demand and shine a spotlight on abortion apologists in Congress.

Lawmakers would be forced to either vote for the Life at Conception Act or face the voters after having opposed it.

Even with the current fight over the next Supreme Court nominee, the Life at Conception Act remains the best opportunity for pro-lifers to end abortion-on-demand.

Even given the best-case scenario in the current Supreme Court battle, pro-lifers are still one vote short of a pro-life Supreme Court majority that would overturn *Roe*.

In the face of an unprecedented fight for pro-life Supreme Court nominees, NPLA faced a tough decision in late September.



NPLA Executive Director Mary King meets with Life at Conception Act bill sponsor Duncan Hunter (R-CA) to discuss strategy for getting a vote on the bill. NPLA members have recruited an all-time record number of cosponsors for the legislation.

With the extensive mail, phone, TV and newspaper ad campaign on the Roberts nomination in full swing, the National Pro-Life Alliance faced a budget crisis.

NPLA President Martin Fox wrote to members asking whether to abandon the fight for a pro-life court, divert funds from the campaign to pass a Life at Conception Act, or whether members could sacrifice the funds required to carry on both projects simultaneously.

Fox reported “the response from members was overwhelming that we should continue ahead on both fronts – that the stakes were too high to place all of our eggs in one basket.”

NPLA Members Maintain Two Fronts in Attack on Roe

With Congressional and popular support at record levels for a Life at Conception Act -- and with the opportunity to bring the Supreme Court within one vote of overturning *Roe v. Wade* -- pro-lifers face a historic opportunity to strike death blows to abortion-on-demand.

“I’m proud to have members so dedi-

cated to defending the unborn and so willing to do what it takes to end abortion-on-demand,” said Fox.

“It’s that kind of determination that will ultimately pass a Life at Conception Act and secure legal protection for the unborn.”

Fox is urging National Pro-Life Alliance members to contact their Congressmen and urge them to do all in their power to bring the Life at Conception Act to a committee vote.

NPLA Calls for Committee Vote on Life at Conception Act

“With support for a Life at Conception Act in Congress at record levels, it’s time to demand committee action on our bill.

“A successful committee vote will send the Life at Conception Act to the floor of the House where we can get a recorded vote on the ultimate question of when life begins,” emphasized Fox.

Alliance members should call their Congressmen today at (202) 224-3121 and insist they do all in their power to bring the Life at Conception Act (H.R. 552) to a full vote in the House of Representatives. ♥♥

U.S. Supreme Court to Review Partial-Birth Abortion Ban

NPLA Brief Readied to Support Federal Ban on Partial-Birth Abortion

After two years of lower court roadblocks, the Bush Administration filed an appeal to the United States Supreme Court to enforce the Federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban on September 23.

Congress passed the ban overwhelmingly and it was signed into law by President Bush in 2003.

Supreme Court to Decide Fate of Federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban

The abortion industry immediately challenged the law in court and three federal judges struck down the law.

The National Pro-Life Alliance is preparing for the upcoming Supreme Court battle over the ban and is preparing a friend of the court brief to the Supreme Court in favor of the ban.

National Pro-Life Alliance members played a crucial role in passing the ban by generating more than 2.5 million petitions to Congress.

The petitions urged Congress to ban the gruesome procedure in which healthy

late-term babies are delivered almost completely before an abortionist punctures the baby's skull and removes the contents with a suction device.

Highlighting the grave need for a Supreme Court ruling upholding the constitutionality of laws banning the horrific procedure, yet another federal judge has taken it upon herself to overrule the clear will of the people and their elected officials.

Pro-Abortion Judge Throws Out State Law Banning Partial-Birth Abortion

U.S. District Court Judge Denise Page Hood struck down a hugely popular bill that would have banned partial-birth abortion in the state of Michigan, claiming that it would place an "undue burden" on a woman seeking to abort her baby.

The bill passed the Michigan State Legislature in 2003 but was vetoed by Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Following the Governor's veto, pro-lifers mounted an unprecedented petition

drive to successfully override the veto.

Pro-lifers gathered 460,000 signatures in favor of the ban – nearly double the required signatures – setting a state record for the most signatures ever collected by unpaid volunteers in favor of a measure.

The radical pro-abortion American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) colluded with Planned Parenthood and the Center for Reproductive Rights to challenge the law in court.

As has happened so many times before, the abortionists turned to an activist, unelected judge to throw out the clear will of the people and their duly elected officials.

Pro-lifers are urging the Attorney General to appeal Judge Hood's decision to the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court.

NPLA members living in Michigan should contact Attorney General Mike Cox at (517) 373-1110 or toll free at (877) 765-8388 and urge him to challenge Judge Hood's decision to strike down Michigan's ban on partial-birth abortion.



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to young women, of "convenient" methods to abort will only serve to increase risky promiscuous behavior and increase demand for the deadly "services" of enterprises like Planned Parenthood.

Proponents of chemical abortion drugs like "Plan B" are systematically attempting to cut out the involvement of parents in life-changing decisions of their own daughters.

Abortion Industry Peddling Dangerous Drugs to Young Girls for Financial Gain

Without parental involvement, young

girls scared about a possible pregnancy can be easily manipulated by abortion mill staff.

Additionally, having abortive drugs available on the market over-the-counter means that women who take these drugs will be making the decision to abort at the time when they are most fearful about a possible pregnancy and most vulnerable to making a decision they will later regret.

True to form, the pro-abortion lobby is seeking to put a nice face on its newest line of life-ending drugs in their attempt to make the "Plan B" drug as readily available as chewing gum to young girls or whomever wishes to purchase them.

They deceptively claim that the drugs

prevent conception/fertilization.

However, "emergency contraception" is, by definition, taken after the fact.

Thus, the real goal is to destroy the newly conceived life through chemical abortion.

President Bush has named Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach as acting commissioner of the FDA.

At press time for this issue of *LifeLine*, it is unclear whether the Administration intends to appoint Eschenbach as permanent Commissioner or if the President will name another person to head the FDA.

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Political Pressure Mounts for FDA to Grant Over-the-Counter Status to Abortive Drugs Like “Plan B”

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Dr. Eschenbach has come under fire from National Pro-Life Alliance Executive Director Mary King for attempting to silence and discredit medical experts who warn about the link between abortion and breast cancer.

King expressed grave concern over Eschenbach’s appointment, explaining that “As acting commissioner of the FDA, Eschenbach will be under enormous pressure from the radical abortion lobby to approve dangerous abortive drugs.

If he is willing to whitewash the abor-

tion, breast cancer link; what other favors might he do for the abortion lobby?”

For months the FDA has been weak and vacillating under increasing pressure from abortion advocates to make Plan B available over-the-counter.

Any firm decision by the FDA to deny such status will be met with cries of foul from such quarters and the FDA Commissioner will be vilified as a political hack for the administration.

NPLA Executive Director Calls for Pro-Life FDA Commissioner

National Pro-Life Alliance Executive Director Mary King wrote President Bush urging the selection of a pro-life commissioner to head the FDA.

“Since it is a scientifically incontrovertible fact that human life begins at the moment of conception,” wrote King “we urge you to appoint an individual who is committed to protecting that life.”

King is stressing the importance of a commissioner who will “hold the line on over-the-counter status for abortive drugs, and reverse

the purely political approval of the dangerous RU-486 abortion pill by the Clinton Administration FDA.”

“Simply put,” adds King “Eschenbach is the wrong man at the wrong time.”

RU-486 was rushed through the FDA under the Clinton Administration against the procedures and safeguards usually followed by the FDA.

It was given “fast track” status usually reserved for newly developed drugs used to treat terminally ill patients.

Not only is RU-486’s sole purpose to kill unborn babies, it has been responsible for the deaths of numerous women and serious complications suffered by scores of others.

Killer RU-486 Abortion Pill Targeted in Congress

Senator Jim DeMint (R-SC) and Congressman Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) have introduced legislation to lift the FDA approval of RU-486 in the Senate and House, respectively.

The House version of the bill (H.R. 1079) has 77 cosponsors and the Senate version (S. 511) has 11 cosponsors.

National Pro-Life Alliance members have fought to ban distribution of the deadly RU-486 abortion pill since it was rushed to the market in 2000.

Members are strongly encouraged to call their Senators and Congressmen at (202) 224-3121 and urge them to cosponsor and fight to pass the RU-486 Suspension Act.

Members should also call President Bush at (202) 224-3121 and urge him to name a FDA Commissioner who will stop the distribution of dangerous and deadly abortive drugs.



NPLA members are lobbying for a FDA Commissioner who will resist enormous pressure from the abortion lobby to make “Plan B” available over-the-counter.



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