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EXPEDITE URGENT REPLY REQ

ABORTION MAY BE OUTLAWED BEFORE LONG.

SENATOR JESSE HELMS, AN ULTRA CONSERVATIVE LEADER OF THE NEW RIGHT, INTRODUCED AN AMENDMENT IN CONGRESS BANNING ABORTION ONLY TWO DAYS AFTER THE INAUGURATION.

THE AMENDMENT IS SHORT. ONLY TWENTY-FIVE WORDS. AND TAKES BUT A MATTER OF SECONDS TO READ. YET ITS EFFECTS COULD LAST A LIFETIME.

HELMS WANTS ALL ABORTIONS -- NO MATTER THE REASON FOR HAVING THEM -- MADE ILLEGAL. NOW. HE FEELS ABORTIONS ARE MORALLY WRONG. IF YOU DON'T, THAT'S TOO BAD. HELMS' ACTION IS CHILLINGLY SIMPLE: MY MORALITY, YOUR LIFE.

NARAL MUST ACT FAST, WITH ALL OUR MIGHT, IF WE ARE TO STOP THE CONSERVATIVE JUGGERNAUT ON CAPITOL HILL AND IN STATE LEGISLATURES -- OUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE. BUT WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US. WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. MORE NOW THAN EVER. HERE'S WHY.

FIRST, POLITICAL ANALYSTS SAY THIS ABORTION AMENDMENT IS LIKELY TO PASS EARLY IN THIS CONGRESSIONAL SESSION.

SECOND, NINETEEN STATES WILL LIKELY RATIFY THE AMENDMENT IMMEDIATELY.

ONLY THIRTY-EIGHT STATES ARE NEEDED TO RATIFY THE AMENDMENT AND MAKE IT LAW. THAT LEAVES NINETEEN STATES TO FIGHT OVER. NINETEEN STATES AS A BATTLE-GROUND FOR THE MOST PRECIOUS OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS -- THE FREEDOM OF CHOICE.

NO ONE CAN SAY JUST WHEN THE AMENDMENT WILL PASS CONGRESS. NARAL WILL LOBBY HARD TO SEE THAT IT DOESN'T. BUT SIGNS INDICATE THAT ONE DAY IT WILL GO TO THE STATES. WHY? BECAUSE THE NEW RIGHT NOW DOMINATES CONGRESS AS NEVER BEFORE.

TO PREPARE FOR THE FIGHT IN ADVANCE, THE ONLY SAFE ASSUMPTION IS THAT THE BATTLE LINES WILL BE DRAWN IN THE STATES. IT IS THERE NARAL MUST WORK TO ORGANIZE VOLUNTEERS, WORK TO UNDERTAKE A COMPLEX PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM, AND LOBBY AGAINST RATIFICATION OF THE AMENDMENT.

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ALMOST EVERY DAY RADIO AND TELEVISION PREACHERS OF THE NEW RIGHT EXHORT THEIR FOLLOWING TO GIVE BOTH TIME AND MONEY TO THEIR "RIGHTEOUS" ANTI-CHOICE CAUSE.

WE DON'T HAVE TO BILL OUR CAUSE AS RIGHTEOUS. IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. IT IS FAIR AND JUST AND RIGHT.

PLEASE USE THE FORM ENCLOSED, AND RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN NARAL TODAY.

COMPARED TO THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THE NEW RIGHT HAS, \$15 MAY NOT SEEM LIKE MUCH. BUT IT IS VITAL IF WE ARE TO PREPARE TO FIGHT FOR ABORTION HOWEVER WE CAN, WHEREVER WE CAN.

NOTHING LESS THAN OUR FREEDOM DEPENDS ON OUR WORK.

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