

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

August 1, 2005

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are again forced to write to you regarding your position on contraception. As stated in our July 12, 2005 letter, at a May 26, 2005 briefing, your Press Secretary, Scott McClellan, refused to answer the simple question of whether you are opposed to contraception.

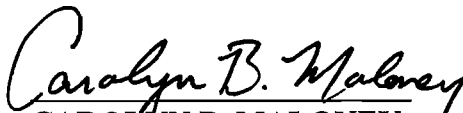
In response to our letter, White House correspondent Les Kinsolving asked the same question again on July 18, 2005. Mr. McClellan was again unable to provide a direct answer, and for the second time in two months, he has left Americans wondering whether you are opposed to birth control.

At a time when some pharmacists continue to refuse to fill prescriptions for birth control, when votes on the House floor strike mention of contraception from legislation on family planning, and when you have nominated a man with no clear record on access to contraception to replace the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court, we are troubled not to know your position on contraception.


Mr. President, this is a simple question: Do you support the right to use contraception?

We urge you to be forthright with the American people. Please clarify your support of or opposition to contraception.

Sincerely,


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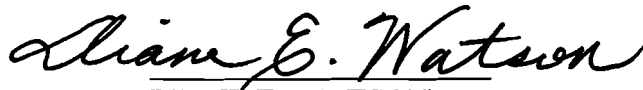

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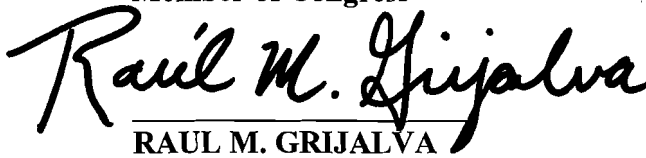

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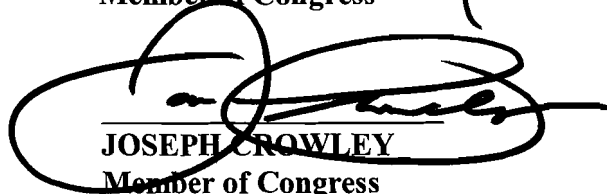
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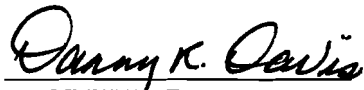
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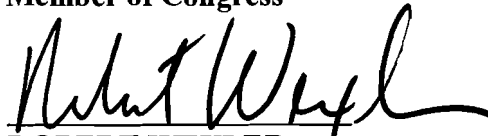
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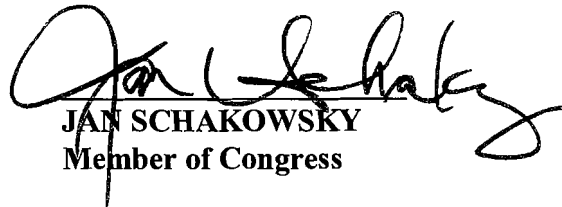
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