

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable George W. Bush
President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear President Bush:

On May 26, 2005, your Press Secretary, Scott McClellan, refused to answer a question about whether you are "opposed to contraception." Mr. McClellan said that he would not dignify the simple question with a response. Nearly a month later, we are still waiting for an answer from you.

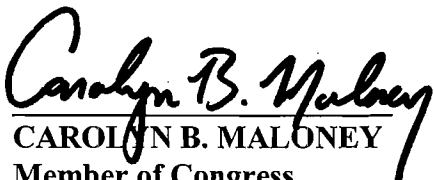
Mr. President, do you support the right to use contraception?

Ninety-five percent of American women will use birth control at some time in their lives, and contraception is essential to healthy family planning, the prevention of unwanted pregnancies, and minimizing the need for abortions.


Today, the right to contraception is under attack by some pharmacists who have recently refused to fill valid and legal prescriptions for birth control pills and other contraceptives. Before this trend grows, responsible men and women need the President to stand up in support of their rights to contraception, not to shy away from the issue.


Mr. President, this pervasive issue is essential to reproductive freedom and healthy family planning. We urge you to be forthright and to let the American people know where you stand. We respectfully request that you clarify your support or opposition to contraception.


Sincerely,



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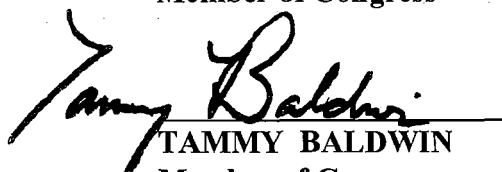

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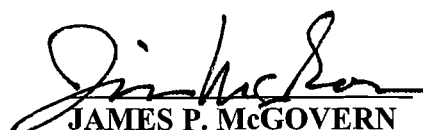

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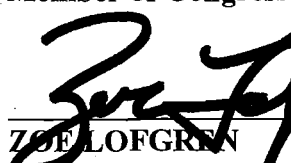

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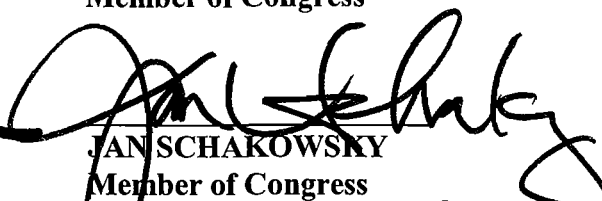

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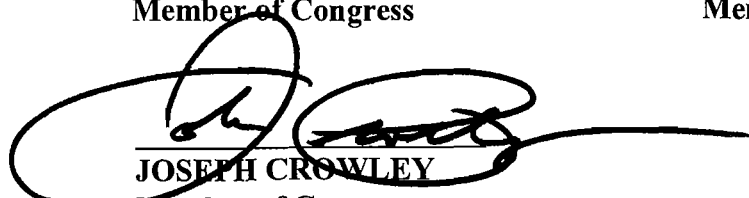

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