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Dear NRLC Friend and Member,

If you've ever wondered what your membership in the National Right to Life Committee "buys" you, let me share some wonderful news.

In December, a U.S. government report showed another huge increase in the number of babies saved from abortion each year in this country.

In fact, there are now 219,000 fewer abortions each year than there were in the peak year of 1990, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

I was overjoyed when I heard this news, and I'm sure you will be too when you consider what it means: 219,000 precious babies, each one created in the image of God, now living and growing at home with their families, instead of having their lives brutally ended by an abortionist!

Is there still much work to be done? Of course. And does National Right to Life take credit for saving the life of every one of these babies? Of course not.

But I wouldn't be truthful to you, a member of National Right to Life, if I didn't tell you why I believe your support of NRLC has helped save the majority of these babies' lives. And your 1998 membership donation will help save even more precious lives:

- For 25 years, NRLC has been widely recognized as the leading pro-life educational and advocacy group--in Congress, in the states and in over 3000 local chapters.
- The laws we've crafted, such as the ban on partial-birth abortion that has now been enacted in 17 states, have discouraged abortions across the country. These laws have exposed the truth about abortion and brought new people to the pro-life side.
- The respect we've earned for our effectiveness is shown by the fact that NRLC was recently named one of the top 10 most effective public policy organizations in the U.S. by *Fortune* magazine.

This happened because we are a grassroots organization with dedicated members like you who hold the children of America close to your hearts. Without doubt, your National Right to Life Committee has done more to defend babies' lives than any other pro-life organization in history.

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But we can't stop until every baby is safe. Although many more babies are being saved, over 1.3 million precious children are still cruelly killed by abortion each year.

That's why we must do more. We must win even greater victories. And we can't lose our precious momentum which has never been stronger.

More Americans are hearing the truth about abortion. And since Bill Clinton was elected, NRLC has held off a virtual avalanche of Clinton-backed pro-death schemes.

We played a decisive role in defeating the Clinton Health Care Rationing Plan that would also have funded essentially every abortion in America. We defeated the so-called "Freedom of Choice Act."

And now we are within three Senate votes of overriding Clinton's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

Already, the National Right to Life PAC is preparing to go all-out for the 1998 elections.

But all of these challenges and opportunities will put a tremendous drain on pro-life resources. That's why I must appeal to you now to renew your NRLC membership today.

Your \$25, \$35 or \$50 Sustaining Membership contribution will lay the foundation for greater pro-life victories in 1998. We will be effective because we are honest, work hard and will use your contribution wisely.

So I urge you, if possible, to give at least that much. I'm also hoping that many members will support us at the level of \$100 or even \$1,000 or more. The more work we do, the more thinly our resources are stretched, and we truly need your help.

So please pray about your level of support. The amount of membership contributions we receive will determine the scope of all of NRLC's educational, legislative and media activities in 1998.

Remember, no matter what time of year it is, babies are still dying. So please, be as generous as you can. There are too few people who really understand that lives are at stake and even fewer who get involved. Thank you for being one special person who does. God bless.

Sincerely,

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President

P.S. With your strong financial support, NRLC will be more successful in 1998 than in any previous year. But we need the prayers and financial support of every NRLC Sustaining Member. With your help and God on our side, we will not fail . . . and even more babies' lives will be saved.