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August 25, 1994

Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20463

MUR 4047

Dear Commissioners:

This letter is a complaint filed by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee ("DCCC") against George Barlos, the Republican party nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives in the 5th District of Mississippi, the George Barlos for Congress Committee ("the Barlos Committee"), the Carolyn Buttross Defense League ("the Defense League"), and Dr. Donald Booth (referred to collectively as "Respondents") for violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), 2 U.S.C. §§ 431 et seq., and the regulations of the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") implementing the Act, 11 C.F.R. §§ 100.1 et seq.

Respondents have violated the law by accepting excessive contributions and illegal corporate contributions, by failing to register and report as a political committee and by failing to place a proper disclaimer on communications made through public political advertising. There is every reason to believe that these violations of the Act will continue, giving Mr. Barlos the benefit of prohibited and undisclosed funds for his campaign for federal office.

# THE FACTS

Dr. Carolyn Buttross is a medical doctor in Ocean Springs/Pascagoula, Mississippi. She has occasionally written letters to the editor in this area attacking the incumbent Congressman, Gene Taylor, on a variety of issues. Dr. Buttross is married to Dr. Donald Booth, also a medical doctor in this same area.

George Barlos is the Republican Party nominee running against Congressman Taylor. According to reports filed with the FEC, the Barlos Committee is renting office space from Dr. Booth's medical practice. Exhibit A.

On July 10 and July 24, 1994, two newspaper advertisements appeared in the Mississippi Press Newspaper soliciting funds for the Carolyn Buttross Defense

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ANGHORAGE \* BELLEVUE \* HONG KONG \* LOS ANGELES \* PORTLAND \* SEATTLE \* SPOKANE \* TAIPEI \* WASHINGTON, D.C. STRATEGIC ALLIANCE: RUSSELL & DUMOULIN, VANCOUVER, B.C.

League. Exhibit B. Upon information and belief, the Defense League is incorporated in the state of Mississippi. The value of the advertisements is approximately \$50.00 per ad. The advertisements, apparently written by Dr. Booth, imply that the funds solicited will be used to defend his wife against perceived attacks by Congressman Taylor. The ads go on to state "The only way I know how to do this is to tell you the truth about her . . . and about Gene Taylor . . . this I will do."

Shortly thereafter, three identical billboards appeared in the district. Exhibit C. The billboards show the names Clinton and Taylor surrounded by a circle with a slash through the names. The text of the advertisements reads "We deserve better. Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League." The cost of such billboards is \$350 per month for each. As of the end of August, the billboards are still up.

During this same period, yard signs produced by the Barlos Committee appeared using the same design as the billboards. Exhibit D. The yard signs read on one side: "George Barlos U.S. Congress," and on the other "Clinton Taylor [surrounded by a circle with a line drawn through the names] Stop the deception." There is no disclaimer on the yard signs.

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# 1. Excessive Contribution

The Barlos Committee is renting space from Dr. Booth or from Dr. Booth's medical practice. On the Committee's most recent FEC report, a debt to Dr. Booth was shown totaling \$3,850.00 for "office space." Over \$2,000.00 of this amount was outstanding at the beginning of the reporting period, with another \$1,650.00 incurred during the reporting period. No payments were made during the reporting period.

While it is unlikely that Dr. Booth's or Dr. Booth's medical practice is in the business of renting office space, in either case, a violation has occurred. The extension of credit by an unincorporated vendor becomes a prohibited contribution where such extension is not in the ordinary course of the vendor's business. 11 C.F.R. § 116.3(a) and (c). To determine whether credit has been extended in the ordinary course, the Commission's regulations look to the following factors:

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- Whether the commercial vendor has followed its established procedures and its past practice in approving the extension of credit;
- Whether the commercial vendor received prompt payment in full if it previously extended credit to the same candidate; and
- Whether the extension of credit conformed to the usual and normal practice in the commercial vendor's trade or industry.

11 C.F.R. § 116.3(c). None of those factors are met in this case. The extension of credit in significant amounts, for an extended period of time, without requirement of even a minimum payment, would not be ordinary course for any commercial vendor. Since the extension of credit is over the \$1,000 contribution limit, an excessive contribution has occurred.

Even if Dr. Booth is providing the office space to the Barlos Committee in his personal capacity, an illegal contribution has occurred. Dr. Booth may contribute only \$1,000 per election to Mr. Barlos. The advance of rent for office space in excess of this amount would constitute an excessive contribution. 11 C.F.R. § 116.5.

# 2. Corporate Contribution

The Act prohibits contributions and expenditures by incorporated entities in connection with federal elections. The Barlos Committee has received prohibited contributions from a corporation in violation of the Act.

The Defense League, an incorporated entity, has paid for advertisements expressly advocating Congressman Taylor's defeat. The use of corporate funds for such advertising benefits the Barlos Committee and constitutes a prohibited expenditure of corporate funds to influence a federal election. In AO 1992-23, the FEC reviewed certain advertisements with a view toward determining whether the ads contained "express advocacy." The Commission relied on a series of Supreme Court decisions defining this term and setting out the following standards:

Express advocacy deals with "spending that is unambiguously related to the campaign of a particular federal candidate." <u>Buckley v. Valeo</u>, 424 U.S.C. 1, 80 (1976).

In determining whether a communication contains express advocacy, you must look to the "essential nature" of the communication. Express advocacy should be found where the communication goes "beyond issue discussion to express electoral advocacy." <u>Federal Election</u> <u>Commission v. Massachusetts Citizens for Life</u> ("MCFL"), 479 U.S.C. 238, 249 (1986).

Specific words are not required to find express advocacy where the communication "when read as a whole, and with limited reference to external events, [is] susceptible of no other reasonable interpretation but as an exhortation to vote for or against a specific candidate." <u>Federal Election Commission v. Furgatch</u>, 807 F.2d 857, 864 (9th Cir.), <u>cert. denied</u>, 484 U.S. 850 (1987).

Applying these standards, the Commission determined that the advertisements contained express advocacy. The FEC acknowledged that the advertisements addressed public issues, but when taken together with the timing of the ads (right before an election) and the contents of the ads (specific reference to elections; disparaging one candidate and his positions on issues), the Commission concluded that the advertisements went beyond mere issue discussion, and, if paid with corporate funds, would result in a prohibited corporate expenditure.

The application of these standards to the activities at issue in this case yields the same result: The billboards contain a clear message to the reader to replace Congressman Taylor. The ads contain no discussion of public issues and no other message or suggestions for action. The timing of the ads in connection with the general election and the similarity of the message with that of the Republican nominee in the race, provide an unmistakable purpose of influencing a federal election.

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# 3. Failure to Register

As set out above, the Defense League has apparently been raising and expending funds for the purpose of influencing a federal election. It would appear, when the cost of the billboards and the fundraising advertisements are taken together, that the Defense League has raised and spent at least \$1,000 for this purpose. The definition of a political committee under the Act is a group that receives contributions or makes expenditures in excess of \$1,000 during a calendar year. 2 U.S.C. § 431(4)(A). Such political committees are required to register with the FEC and file periodic reports of receipts and disbursements. 2 U.S.C. § 433. The registration must take place within 10 days of becoming a political committee under the Act. The Defense League has not filed any papers with the FEC and has, therefore, failed to register as a political committee in a timely fashion.

# 4. Failure to Include Proper Disclaimer

The FEC's regulations require that

whenever any person makes an expenditure for the purpose of financing a communication that expressly advocates the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate ... through any broadcasting station, newspaper, magazine, outdoor advertising facility, poster, yard sign, direct mailing or any other form of general public political advertising, a disclaimer meeting the requirements of [the regulations] shall appear and be presented in a clear and conspicuous manner to give the reader, observer or listener adequate notice of the identify of the persons who paid for and, where required, who authorized the communication.

11 C.F.R. § 110.11(a)(1). There is no disclaimer on the yard sign produced by the Barlos Committee, despite the fact that yard signs are specifically enumerated as one of the public communications requiring such a disclaimer.

# **CONCLUSION**

On the basis of the foregoing, DCCC asks that the Commission conduct a prompt investigation of the matters raised by this complaint, enter into prompt conciliation with Respondents to remedy the violations set out herein and, most importantly, ensure that no further violations of the Act occur. The Commission should impose any and all civil penalties grounded in the violations presented here.

Very truly yours,

Judith L. Corley Counsel to DCCC

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>26</u> day of August, 1994.

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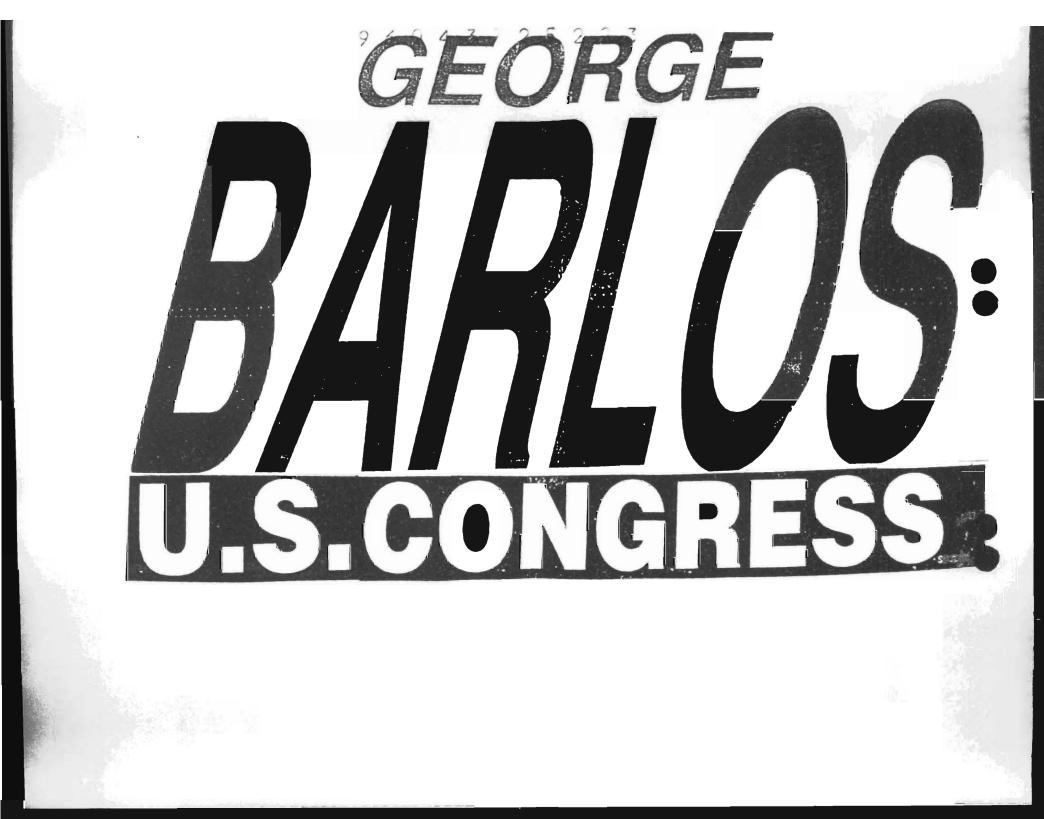


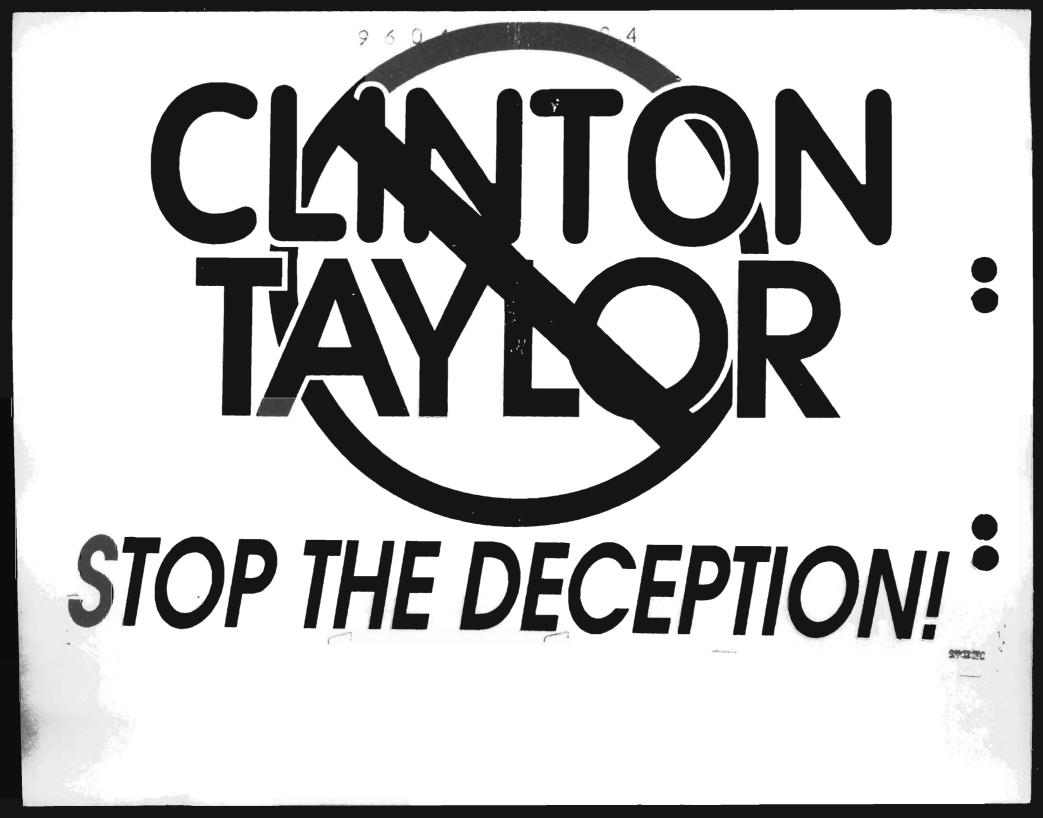
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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON D.C. 20463

SEPTEMBER 1, 1994

Judith L. Corley, Esq. Perkins Coie 607 Fourteenth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005-2011

#### RE: MUR 4047

Dear Ms. Corley:

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This letter acknowledges receipt on August 29, 1994, of the complaint you filed on behalf of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee alleging possible violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The respondent(s) will be notified of this complaint within five days.

You will be notified as soon as the Federal Election Commission takes final action on your complaint. Should you receive any additional information in this matter, please forward it to the Office of the General Counsel. Such information must be sworn to in the same manner as the original complaint. We have numbered this matter MUR 4047. Please refer to this number in all future communications. For your information, we have attached a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

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Mary L. Taksar, Attorney Central Enforcement Docket

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON D.C. 20463

SEPTEMBER 1, 1994

Elaine Barlos, Treasurer George Barlos for Congress 114 Blue Heron Blvd. Ocean Springs, MS 39564

#### RE: MUR 4047

Dear Ms. Barlos:

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The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that George Barlos for Congress ("Committee") and you, as treasurer, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 4047. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Committee and you, as treasurer, in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.





Elaine Barlos, Treasurer George Barlos for Congress Page 2

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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SEPTEMBER 1, 1994

Peter C. Abide, Registered Agent Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc. 146 Porter Ave. Biloxi, MS 39530

#### RE: MUR 4047

Dear Mr. Abide:

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The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc., may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 4047. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act, you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc. in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

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SEPTEMBER 1, 1994

Donald Booth, M.D. 19 Marks Road Ocean Springs, MS 39564

#### RE: MUR 4047

Dear Dr. Booth:

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW 146 PORTER AVENUE POST OFFICE DRAWER 1937 BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI 39633-1937

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September 8, 1994

ATTN: Joan McEnery Federal Election Commission Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 4047 Our File Number: 446-001

Dear Ms. McEnery:

I am the registered agent for the Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc. I will be representing the Defense League in the above styled matter.

I will also be representing Dr. Donald Booth, and I enclose the original of Dr. Booth's designation of counsel.

This is to further advise that both the Defense League and Dr. Booth received the FEC letter of September 1, 1994, on September 6, 1994. It is therefore my understanding that our response must be filed by September 21, 1994. If I am incorrect, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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Peter C. Abide For the Firm

PCA/tlo Enclosure cc: Dr. Donald Booth

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RESPONDENT'S NAME: Dr. Donald J. Booth

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Federal Election Commission General Counsel's Office 999 E. Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20463

Att: Mary L. Taksar

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Dear Commissioners:

This letter is a a response by the George Barlos for Congress Committee and George Barlos to the 8/25/94 complaint filed by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee ("DCCC") against George Barlos, Republican candidiate for U.S. House of Representatives MS/05, the George Barlos for Congress Committee ("the Barlos Committee"), The Carolyn Buttross Defense League ("the Defense League"), and Dr. Donald Booth for alleged violations of F.E.C. regulations.

On the basis of the information herein, the F.E.C. should take no action against the Barlos Committee or George Barlos in this matter.

The following are responses to each of the DCCC's four allegations:

1) Allegation of "Excessive Contribution":

In the Barlos Committee's most recent F.E.C. report we fully, accurately and voluntarily disclosed a campaign debt to a Dr. Donald Booth for office and living space in the amount of \$3,850.00. Dr. Booth has regularly given free of charge these same spaces to others including Dr. William Kennerly.

The Barlos Committee, in going the extra step to make sure we were in compliance with the F.E.C. in this matter, assigned those spaces a high market value and took that amount on as a debt to the Barlos campaign.

Our clear intent was to go beyond the requirements of the F.E.C. As nothing of value has been "advanced" to the Barlos Committee the DCCC's allegation has no merit.

2) Allegations of "Corporate Contributions":

The Barlos Committee has no connection with and has received no corporate contributions from the "Defense League."

Any and all actions taken by that entity are separate and unconnected with the Barlos Committee. We have no prior knowledge or control over that group's actions. Thus we are unable and are under no obligation to respond to DCCC allegations in regard to the alleged "Defense League" actions.

Further, the DCCC arguement conserning the use of the universal cancel signal is without merit. The Barlos Committee adopted that symbol after a Mr. Ken Grove, in a public dispute with Rep. Taylor, put up such a home made sign early this year. The circle and slash over Rep. Taylor's name thus entered general public knowledge and useage due to extensive local television and newspaper coverage of the Grove sign.

3) Allegations of "Failure to Register":

As these allegations refer to the "Defense League" alone, and we have no knowledge of their status as a political committee, the Barlos Committee has no position or comment. All inquires regarding these allegations should be referred to that entity.

4) Allegations of "Failure to Include a Proper Disclaimer":

The Barlos Committee has reordered its yard signs so that a disclaimer stating "Paid for by the George Barlos for Congress Committee" appears clearly on each sign. Any ommission of such disclaimer in a previous order was by mistake. All yard signs were indeed paid for by the Barlos Committee. We will retroactively stamp such signs with the disclaimer noted above.

Conclusion:

Allegation #1 by the DCCC is unfounded and without merit. The Barlos Committee actually took extra steps to assign extra value and make a full disclosure of debt.

Allegations #2 and #3 apply to the "Defense League" and are not applicable to the Barlos Committee which has no control over their actions.

Allegation #4 regarding yard sign disclaimers has been fully rectified by the placement of such disclaimers.

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The Commission should thus take no action against the Barlos Committee in response to the DCCC complaint.

Very truly,

Elaine Barlos

Elaine Barlos, Treasurer George Barlos for Congress Committee



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September 20, 1994

#### \*\*\* VIA AIRBORNE \*\*\*

ATTN: Mary L. Taksar Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 4047 Our File Number: 446-001

Dear Ms. Taksar:

Pursuant to your letter of September 1, 1994, which was received September 6, 1994, this letter shall serve as a response on behalf of the Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc. ("Defense League") and Dr. Donald J. Booth (hereinafter "Dr. Booth"). Based on the factual and legal matters discussed herein, no action should be taken against the Defense League and/or Dr. Booth in this matter.

#### FACTS AS TO THE DR. CAROLYN BUTTROSS DEFENSE LEAGUE, INC .:

Dr. Carolyn Buttross is a respected pediatrician in the community of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. (Ex. "A".) Dr. Buttross is an active conservative who has often spoken out on various political issues, such as the pro-life and pro-family movements. (Ex. "A"; Collective Ex. "B".) On March 10, 1994, the Mississippi Press published a letter to the Editor written by Dr. Buttross which espoused her political beliefs, and which also stated that the incumbent congressmen from the Fifth Congressional District, Gene Taylor (hereinafter "Taylor"), did not share those same beliefs. (Ex. "A" & "C".) Later that evening, Dr. Buttross received a telephone call from Taylor. He subjected her to an angry verbal attack because of the content of her letter. Taylor further accused Dr. Buttross of lying, having poor sense, and being "just one of those greedy doctors". (Ex. "A" & "E".) A letter identical to the March 10,

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letter was published in the Gulfport-Biloxi Sun Herald on March 27, 1994. (Ex. "C".)

In the weeks to follow, various letter writers came to the defense of Taylor. Almost all of these letters made a personal attack on Dr. Buttross. Other letter writers wrote in support of Dr. Buttross. (Collective Ex. "D".) Dr. Buttross responded with rebuttal letters in support of her original argument that Taylor supports President Clinton and the "Liberal House leadership". (Ex. "E", "F" & "G".) Dr. Buttross was again criticized by Taylor supporters. (Collective Ex. "H".)

On June 1, 1994, Dr. Booth and his family formed the Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc., a non-profit Mississippi corporation. (Ex. "A".) The non-profit corporation was established as a means of defending the honor of Dr. Buttross, to insulate her from further attacks, and to convey her message of conservative values. (Ex. "A".) While the non-profit corporation had no stock or share holders, the Defense League is comprised of the friends and family of Dr. Buttross who share her political beliefs. (Ex. "A".)

On July 10 and July 24, 1994, the Defense League submitted two newspaper advertisements in the Mississippi Press in order to announce the formation of the Defense League and the reason it was formed. (Ex. "A".) Although the original advertisement provided a telephone number "for further information, or to make a donation", the advertisement was later amended to delete any references to donations. The advertisement, as amended, later ran in the Hattiesburg American on August 7 and 14, 1994. (Ex. "I".) In any event, the Defense League did not receive any donations, funds, or anything of value from any person in response to the advertisement. (Ex. "A".) As of this date, any funds expended by the Defense League have come solely from the family of Dr. Buttross. (Ex. "A".)

Shortly thereafter, the Defense League authorized the billboard advertisements, as referenced in the DCCC Complaint. (Ex. "A".) The concept of the billboard was derived, in part, from another disgruntled Taylor constituent, who expressed his displeasure in April 1994. (Ex. "A" & "J".) The billboards do not mention George Barlos, anything about an election, and do not call for any action to be taken. The message was intended to convey the Defense League's belief that Taylor is a "liberal in conservative's clothing", and that his record is more closely aligned with the Clinton administration than he would have his constituents believe. (Ex. "A".) The advertisement merely expresses the Defense League's displeasure with the public

service and record of President Clinton and Taylor. (Ex. "A".) These same beliefs have been previously espoused by Dr. Buttross. (Ex. "A", "C", "E" & "F".)

The billboards are scheduled to run through the end of September. (Ex. "A".) The creation of the Defense League has no relationship to George Barlos or the Barlos Committee. (Ex. "A".) The advertisements and billboards published by the Defense League were done without any cooperation or consultation, or at the request or suggestion of, George Barlos or the Barlos Committee. (Ex. "A".)

## FACTS AS TO DR. DONALD J. BOOTH:

Dr. Donald J. Booth is a surgeon in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. (Ex. "K".) Dr. Booth practices medicine at 19 Marks Road, which is comprised of three offices. (Ex. "K".) Dr. Booth pays rent for these offices. (Ex. "K".) Two of the offices are utilized by Dr. Booth and his medical practice. (Ex. "K".) Dr. Booth has, over the last few years, allowed his colleague and fellow surgeon, Dr. William Kennerly, use of the remaining office free of charge. (Ex. "K".) For approximately two (2) weeks in March 1994, Dr. Booth allowed George Barlos periodic use of this office after conferring with Dr. Kennerly. (Ex. "K".)

Dr. Booth and George Barlos have entered into a separate lease agreement with regard to a residential rental property owned by Dr. Booth. (Ex. "K".) Dr. Booth expects payment from Barlos pertaining to this rental agreement, and the agreement provides for payment at the conclusion of the Barlos campaign. (Ex. "K".)

LAW:

# 1. THE DEBT OWED BY CANDIDATE BARLOS TO DR. BOOTH IS NOT AN EXCESSIVE CONTRIBUTION.

Dr. Donald Booth is not a "commercial vendor" within the definition of 11 C.F.R. Section 116.1(c). Therefore, 11 C.F.R. Section 116.3 (Extensions of Credit by Commercial Vendors) has no application to the matter under review. With regard to 11 C.F.R. Section 116.5 (Advances by Committee Staff and Other Individuals), this regulation also has no application. 11 C.F.R. Section 116.5 prohibits an individual from paying with his personal funds for the costs incurred in providing goods or

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services, or obtaining goods or services that are used by a candidate.

The Barlos Committee utilized office space adjacent to Dr. Booth's office for a period of two (2) weeks, but the use was given on the same terms as has existed between Dr. Booth and Dr. Kennerly, i.e., without charge. In a previous election, Taylor has also been the beneficiary of free office space. (Ex. "L".)

The debt itself listed on the Barlos report relates to a rental agreement presently existing between Dr. Booth and George Barlos. There is no prohibition for such an arrangement and the debt will be paid in full at the end of the campaign. Dr. Booth has no objection to receiving payments prior to that time.

Since Dr. Booth is not a commercial vendor and has not "advanced" anything of value to Barlos, this allegation of the Complaint is without merit.

### 2. THE ADVERTISEMENTS OF THE DEFENSE LEAGUE ARE NOT CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT.

The newspaper advertisements and billboards paid for by the Defense League are not contributions or expenditures made for the purpose of influencing an election. Rather, they are statements of political expression which were placed in response to attacks made on Dr. Buttross. The billboard message suggests other reasonable alternative readings, and therefore does not constitute "express advocacy".

The Complaint mistakenly alleges that the advertisements and billboards amount to "contributions" to Barlos. This is incorrect and is not supported by existing case law. A contribution or expenditure "made for the purpose of influencing" an election means that expenditure which is made with the authorization or consent, express or implied, or under the control, direct or indirect, of the candidate or his agents. <u>United States v. National Committee for Impeachment</u>, 469 F.2d 1135 (2nd Cir. 1972); <u>American Civil Liberties Union</u> <u>v. Jennings</u>, 366 F.Supp. 1041 (D.Col. 1973), vacated on other grounds, 422 U.S. 1030 (1975). The creation of the Defense League, the newspaper advertisements, and the billboards are entirely independent from Barlos and/or the Barlos Committee, and therefore cannot be "contributions" made "for the purpose of influencing" an election. The three federal cases cited in the Complaint deal with the question of whether certain

advertisements were "independent expenditures". None of these cases address the issue of contributions to a candidate, because the expenditure was made independent of the candidate. Therefore, this portion of the Complaint should be dismissed.

In the event the allegations of the Complaint are construed to allege that the Defense League has violated the "independent expenditure" provision set forth in 2 U.S.C. Section 431(17), the Defense League submits that this allegation is also meritless.

"Independent expenditure" means an expenditure by a person expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate. The expenditure must be made without cooperation or consultation with any candidate. <u>Federal</u> <u>Election Commission v. Furgatch</u>, 807 F.2d 857 (9th Cir. 1987), is instructive. One week prior to the 1980 presidential election, Furgatch paid for a full page newspaper advertisement citing President Carter's record and ended with a message "DON'T LET HIM DO IT". The same advertisement was again placed three days before the election. The 9th Circuit noted that whether the advertisement expressly advocated Carter's defeat was a very close call. The Furgatch court further stated:

- a. Speech is "express" if the message is unmistakable and unambiguous, suggestive of only one plausible meaning.
- b. Speech may only be termed "advocacy" if it presents a clear plea for action.
- c. It must be clear what action is advocated. If <u>reasonable minds could differ</u>, or if <u>any reasonable</u> <u>alternative reading of speech can be suggested</u>, it cannot be "express advocacy" subject to the acts of disclosure requirements.

The 9th Circuit concluded, based on the timing of the advertisement, reasonable minds could not dispute that the advertisement urged voters to vote against Carter.

In the matter now under review, the newspaper advertisement merely announces the formation of the Defense League and the reasons for its formation. Although the billboard in question expresses an anti-Taylor sentiment, there are other reasonable messages which may be derived from the content. The billboard makes no reference to any election, the candidate Barlos, and does not mention anything about voting. The billboard expresses equal displeasure with President Clinton, who is not currently

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involved in any election. The most reasonable interpretation of the billboard message is the expression of a constituent's displeasure with the public service of President Clinton and Representative Taylor. Whether Taylor is a "liberal" or a "conservative" is a matter of great public debate in South Mississippi. "Die-hard Democrats" have criticized him for being too "conservative". "Die-hard Republicans" have criticized him for being too "liberal". There have been numerous letters to the editors of various newspapers discussing Taylor's voting record. The billboard in question is nothing more than political expression pertaining to this widely discussed issue. (Ex. "L".)

The billboard in question is analogous to the advertisement discussed in Federal Election Commission v. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, 471 F.Supp. 315 (D.C.D.C. 1979). In that case, the FEC complained of a poster depicting then-President Gerald Ford wearing a button reading "Pardon Me" and embracing former President Richard Nixon. The District Judge first recognized that political expression, including discussion of candidates, is afforded the broadest protection under the First Amendment, and discussion of public issues, which are also campaign issues, unavoidably draws in candidates and tends to inexorably exert influence on voting at elections. The Court held that the Nixon-Ford poster involved no such express advocacy and, although it may have intended to influence voting, the poster contained communication on a public issue widely debated during the campaign. "As such it is the type of political speech which is protected from regulation under 2 U.S.C. Section 431, et seq." 471 F.Supp. at 317.

Another distinguishing factor in the matter under review is the timing of the advertisements. In the cases cited by the Complaint, the expenditures and advertisements were placed within a few weeks (or days) before an election. In this matter under review, the timing of the advertisements was dictated by the actions of Representative Taylor. The Defense League ran the advertisements in question only after the personal attacks on Dr. Buttross did not cease. Significantly, however, the advertisements have been scheduled to end on September 30, 1994, which is over a month before the election. Therefore, the timing of these advertisements (August and September 1994), which were dictated by Taylor's initial attack, are sufficiently in advance of the election to have any effect.

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#### POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

The Complaint's allegation that the Defense League is a political committee presupposes that the expenditures in question expressly advocate Taylor's defeat. As stated in the previous section, the billboard content contains political expression protected under the First Amendment. Alternatively, the Defense League would state that as a non-profit, non-stock corporation which was organized to defend Dr. Buttross' honor and to provide a forum for the expression of her political beliefs, 2 U.S.C Section 441(b) would be unconstitutional as to the Defense League under the authority of <u>Federal Election</u> <u>Commission v. Massachusetts Citizens for Life</u>, 479 U.S. 238 (1986) (unconstitutional to require non-profit, pro-life corporation to obey 441(b) where group urged voters to vote pro-life, since non-profit corporation was formed for the express purpose of promoting political ideas).

#### BARLOS DISCLAIMERS.

This section does not apply to the Defense League or Dr. Booth.

#### CONCLUSION:

Based on the above, the Defense League and Dr. Booth submit that is apparent that the allegations of the Complaint are groundless and have been filed without basis in fact or law. Since the billboard contract is set to expire on September 30, 1994, further action may not even be necessary. However, if the Commission feels further action is necessary, the Respondents would not be adverse to expeditiously disposing of this matter.

Respectfully submitted

Peter C. Abide For the Firm of Counsel to Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc. and Dr. Donald J. Booth

PCA/tlo Attachments cc: Dr. Donald J. Booth



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#### AFFIDAVIT OF DR. DONALD J. BOOTH, PRESIDENT OF THE DR. CAROLYN BUTTROSS DEFENSE LEAGUE

1. My name is Dr. Donald J. Booth, and I am the President of the Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc., Post Office Box 519, Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564-0519. The information set forth in this Affidavit is made on personal knowledge.

2. My wife, Dr. Carolyn Buttross, is a respected pediatrician in the community of Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Dr. Buttross is an active conservative who has often spoken out on various political issues, such as the pro-life and pro-family movements.

3. On March 10, 1994, the Mississippi Press published a letter to the Editor written by my wife espousing her political beliefs. The letter was also critical of Congressman Gene Taylor for not sharing those same beliefs. Later that evening, my wife received a telephone call from Taylor. Taylor subjected her to an angry verbal attack because of the content of her letter. Taylor further accused her of lying, having poor sense, and being "just one of those greedy doctors".

4. Subsequent to Mr. Taylor's telephone call, a prolonged series of letters and opinions were expressed by Mr. Taylor's supporters that appeared to denigrate my wife and impugn her professional status. My step-daughter was also subjected to an angry verbal attack by Mr. Taylor's chief-of-staff. 5. On June 1, 1994, I, along with my family, formed the Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc., a non-profit Mississippi corporation. The non-profit corporation was established as a means of defending my wife's honor, to insulate her from further attacks, and to convey her message of conservative values. The non-profit corporation has no stock or shareholders. Membership in the Defense League is comprised of the friends and family of my wife who share her political beliefs and do not want to see her attacked.

6. On July 10 and July 24, 1994, the Defense League submitted two newspaper advertisements in the Mississippi Press in order to announce the formation of the Defense League and the reason it was formed.

7. Neither I, my wife, or the Defense League received any donations, funds, or anything of value from any person in response to the advertisements. As of this date, any funds expended by the Defense League have come solely from my family.

8. The Defense League has also authorized the billboard advertisements, as referenced in the Democrat's Complaint. The concept of the billboard was derived, in part, from another disgruntled Gene Taylor constituent, who expressed his displeasure in a similar manner in April, 1994.

9. The billboard message was intended to convey the Defense League's belief that Taylor is a "liberal in conservative's clothing", and that Taylor's record is more closely aligned with the Clinton administration than he would have his constituents believe. The advertisement merely

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expresses the Defense League's displeasure with the public service and record of President Clinton and Taylor. These same beliefs have been previously espoused by my wife.

10. The billboards currently in place are scheduled to run through the end of September. The creation of the Defense League has no relationship to George Barlos or the Barlos Committee. The advertisements and billboards published by the Defense League were done without any cooperation or consultation, or at the request or suggestion of, George Barlos or the Barlos Committee.

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THIS the 16th day of September , 1994.

DR. CAROLYN BUTTROSS DEFENSE LEAGUE, INC., by its President, DR. DONALD J. BOOTH

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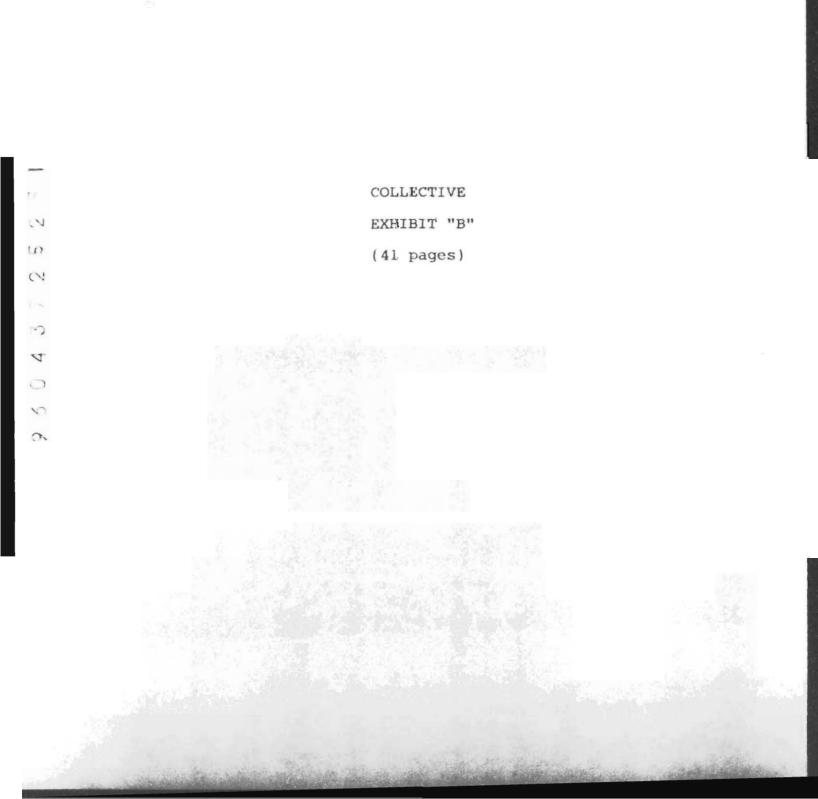
PERSONALLY CAME AND APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority for the aforesaid jurisdiction, Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc., by its President, Dr. Donald J. Booth, who after being duly sworn on oath, states that the matters and things set forth in the above and foregoing Affidavit are true and correct as therein stated, and where stated on information and belief, he believes the same to be true.

DR. CAROLYN BUTTROSS DEFENSE LEAGUE, INC., by its President, DR. DONALD J. BOOTH

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 16th day of September, 1994.

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My Commission Expires: 5/2/95







Frank A. Oski, MD, Editor, Contemporary Pediatrics Five Paragon Dr. Montvale, NJ 07645-1742

Dear Dr. Oski:

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I was surprised at your personally insulting and intimidating remarks to our colleague, Dr. Fields who commented on your socialistic leanings and the obvious failure of the socialist experiment in other countries. (June 94)

Perhaps you should broaden your perspective rather than dittoing the babblings of Hilliary's Children's Defense Fund and UNICEF---experts at reasonable statements such as "investing in the future workforce," all the while subverting free enterprise, marriage, parental authority and prenatal life.

Suggested readings are <u>Investor's Daily</u>, a newspaper, <u>Citizen</u>, a publication of Focus on the Family, <u>Family Voice</u>, a publication of Concerned Women for America, or any of Dr. Walter Williams' newspaper columns.

It would do you good to try to liberalize your education in the area of economics and government social policies if you are to continue to address these issues which are obviously outside your field of expertise.

Meanwhile, I intend to take the advice you pompously gave to Dr. Fields and cancel my subscription.

Sincerely,

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Carolyn M.Buttross, M.D.

cc: John Fields, M.D.

cc: Medical Economics Publishing

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# LETTERS

#### Left, right, who's right?

Dr. Oski's editorials have always leaned to the left and I assume most of his readers have grown used to it or just ignored his forays into the political ring. His February editorial is particularly egregious.

Using, of all things, UNICEF and the British Medical Journal as his authority, Dr. Oski states, more or less, that Anglo-American culture and the laissez-faire market based on policies introduced during the 1980s are responsible for the fall of the "index of the social health of children," while the countries with a "continental culture" experienced improvements. As one might guess, Dr. Oski, always the collectivist, believes changes in income distribution would help.

To call forth the word from UNICEF is in itself trifling. This United Nations backwater. mainly inhabited by third world functionaries-a make-work sort of place for those who do not wish to return home-despises the Anglo-American culture and always has.

"Continental Europe" is in the throes of economic recession, unemployment is at a modern-day all-time high, and the failure of the welfare state is obvious.

The Editor-in-Chief is obviously a superb clinician and teacher. It is unfortunate that this dalliance in the political world leads to such editorial nonsense as our alleged "Anglo-American" cultural failures.

> John Fields, MD Nashville, TN

The Editor-in-Chief replies: It was good hearing from my old "pen pal." I worry that I must be doing something wrong when I haven't offended some of my readers from the right side of the political spectrum.

What was it in the editorial that prompted the response? Was it the mention of the United Nations, UNICEF, or the fact that the 1980s witnessed falls in the index of social health of children in countries such as our own? I'm sorry, very sorry, for the facts.

I repeat the statement, "Markets simply do not work for children. Continental Europe clearly recognizes the future benefits that the state will derive from having a well-educated workforce that can compete internationally and invests in future generations instead of regarding children as a private good whose sole function is to provide emotional satisfaction to parents. Investing in children is simply enlightened self-interest." I would hope that most pediatricians are advocates of investing in children.

If Dr. Fields continues to be offended by my remarks, I suggest that he stop reading my editorials or cancel his sub-

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Phyllis Schaeffer, Editor Pediatric News 12230 Wilkins Ave Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Schaeffer:

I agree fully with Dr. Rodney Kreider's comments regarding the betrayal by the AAP of it's members by the support of the Clinton Health Care proposal. Dr. Zanga indicated in his reply that solutions "have to be in the private sector" may reflect his own beliefs. They do not, however reflect the political activity of the AAP as indicated by the last 3 years of the AAP Washington report. In reviewing these issues, it is apparant that we have been supporting extensive lobbying efforts with our dues money of every social program to come down the pike.

Part of Dr. Zanga's difficulty is the faulty premise that organized medicine is supposed to "solve the problems of poverty& teenage ille-gitimacy.." The "problem" of "low-immunization" has been much over-rated. These are social, not medical, problems, which have resulted not from too little government but by too much government.

Sincerely,

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#### Dear Sir:

Thank you for the article "When religion stands between a child and his pediatrician." I was not aware of this bill which would make parents liable on child abuse charges if they choose spiritual rather than medical care for sick children. The problem with such a bill is that charges can only be brought in retrospect--i.e. if the prayer doesn't "work." Why not just make it illegal to pray for the sick? Or, on the other hand, since prayer has shown to decrease the morbidity and mortality of patients in critical care units, why not make it illegal not to pray for the sick.

This bill smacks of being just another assault by the pagan left on the "religious right." Furthermore, it is totally <u>unnecessary</u>. Under current laws, if a physician recognizes an urgent need for medical treatment (such as leukemia, appendicitis, meningitis, shock, etc.) and the parent refuses treatment for any reason, and if the physician decides that the risks of treatment do not outweigh the potential benefits, then the physician may, and should seek an immediate court order for such treatment.

We do not need another special law to specifically discriminate against a special group of people. Furthermore, I am against any law which specifically undermines the authority and judgment of parents, and unnecessarily broadens the definition of child abuse.

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Carolyn M. Buttross, M.D.

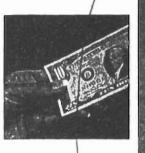
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# PEDIATRICS WATCH

### Compliance incentives: / Is pediatrics next?

Since 1991, the Prudential Health Care Plan in Baltimore has handed out a \$10 bill to every pregnant Medicaid patient who keeps a prenatal-care appointment. The program has been so successful at encouraging compliance and cutting costs. Prudential may extend it to pediatric services. The carrier is consider-



ing financial incentives for parents who bring their children in for lead screening, asthma management immunization, and other preventive services.

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### A reader responds

I wasn't aware that doctors in the District of Columbia are lobbying for passage of a bill that would make parents liable on child-abuse charges if they choose spiritual rather than medical care for sick children [Pediatrics Watch, June].

The problem with such a measure is that charges can be brought only in retrospect-if, for example, prayer doesn't "work." Why not just make it illegal to pray for the sick? Or, since prayer has shown to decrease the morbidity and mortality of patients in critical care, why not make it illegal not to pray for ill patients?

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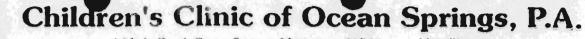
### Gearing up on bicycle helmet laws

Doctors' recommendations that children wear helmets when riding bicycles are being backed by local mandates. Helmet laws are on the books or under consideration in 19 states. Increasingly, adolescents as well as children are covered. Violators typically incur fines, which are waived in some states with proof of purchase of a helmet. Where states stand on heimet laws

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Editor Gulf Pine Catholic 870 Nativity Drive Biloxi, MS. 39533

Dear Editor:

I always enjoy reading the Bishop's weekly instructions and insights column. Especially timely and well done is his presentation of the Church's clear position on euthanasia 6/3/94.

I wonder why, however, his direct quotes from the <u>Catholic Catechism</u> were altered by the use of "inclusive" language, even to applying it in referring to God our Father in the sentence from #2280--We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for His (or her) honor and the salvation of our souls."

I find this additional usage cumbersome, distracting and contrary to accepted Catholic teaching.

Sincerely,

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Dear Doctors:

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I would Like to respectfully request a one year leave of absence. I have been a member in good standing for the past 17 years, and until the past year of two have always been proud to be associated with the Academy.

The Academy began a year or two ago taking some political positions with which I disagree on moral grounds--specifically, the use of dues money to promote the pro-liperal-Democrat agendar of contraceptive-based sex education, tax funding for abortions, inschool sex clinics, and fetal tissue experimentation.

Nost recently, the Academy has begun to take some political positions which I consider to be frankly socialistic, un-American, and in direct contrast to our tradition of economic freedom and individual responsibility--specifically, the use of dues money to promote the pro-liberal Democrat agends of socialization of our health care, government monopoly of the vaccine program, and a national immunization tracking system.

The liberal-Democrat/socialist position of the Academy for which we use dues money to lobby, casts a shadow on our historically upright tradition. This position is one I consider un-American and, on this basis, am unable to financially support at this time.

I do not expect to agree with everything contained in every policy of my professional organization, however, I do feel that we should stick to our area of expertise--the prevention and treatment of diseases of children--and stay away from social issues.

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Editor Contemporary Pediatrics Five Paragon Drive Montvale, NJ 07645-1742

#### Dear Editor:

The trashy, opinionated, unscientific article "Reducing AIDS risk in Adolescents", marks a new low for a medical writing. I first heard Dr. Hein's opinions at a general assembly meeting several years ago (1987, I think) at which time she told her solution for AIDS was teaching kids how to masturbate and explicit condom demonstrations. She offers no parameters for judging the efficacy of such an approach. I presume it does not decrease either sexual activity or transmission of disease. Otherwise, why does she now need explicit instructions for teens who inject drugs. The eightstep instruction sheet for learning safer injection practices is absolutely unbelievable.

In my opinion, Dr. Hein and all the other "health care professionals" who suck off her grant money are dangerous radicals trying to promote their ungrounded, unscientific experiments as standard of care--at the expense of our minor children.

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Howard A. Pearson, M.D. American Academy of Pediatrics 601 Thirteenth Street, NW Suite 400 North Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Dr. Pearson:

Thank you for your Sept. 30 response to my letter stating my concerns regarding the new immunization entitlement program which will go into effect October 1994, and which the Academy clearly supports. I found your tone somewhat patronizing and, with all due respect, I think you missed my point.

This new entitlement program will cost the working middle class (the parents of the majority of our patients), an extra \$585 million so that Medicaid, Indian, and "children without insurance" can receive them free in doctors' offices instead of free in the health department. I am not sure what "without insurance" means--does this include children who have not met their deductible, who are covered only for hospital care, or sick child care?

Also, I am concerned about this vaccine tax that has been re-instituted under the guise of a National Vaccine Compensation program. This adds an extra \$5.00 to each DPT and MMR which the children of our working middle class and their insurance companies pay. Also, I have been told by your spokeswoman at the Government Liaison office to taxpayers will foot approximately a \$15.00 administrative fee for each vaccine administered by a pediatrician to "entitlement" children.

Furthermore, I think the Academy has vastly over-rated the so-called "immunization crisis." The fact is that a child <u>Must</u> be immunized to enter any licensed day-care or school situation. Most children at any given time are at least partially immunized, and the vast majority over 6 years old are completely immunized.

In addition, I am very concerned about Academy support for a National Registry/Tracking system. This is the epitome of Big Brother, and is being opposed by even the liberal A.C.L.U.

Furthermore, if the Academy is truly concerned about"obstacles to immun zations" why are we not working to eliminate drug related liability (\* price), increase education re: the safety and efficacy of vaccines (\* parental fear), and simplify the procurement via the Health Dept. (go in, get the shots and leave).

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Executive Committee American Academy of Pediatrics 141 Northwest Point Blvd Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007

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I have just received your communication "Passage of Immunization Legislation." I am outraged and disgusted that our academy has supported such a plan, and worse yet call it something that we can be proud of.

As I see it this legislation calls for our having to increase the cost to self-pay, middle-class families by \$4.50/dose in order for us to obtain free vaccines to administer to no-pay families so they may be saved the difficulty of going to the health department for free immunizations. For this convenience, American taxpayers will also be required to pay an additional 585 million dollars! Also, this opens up the development of a whole new regulatory program for "providers."

I definitely think the academy needs to stay away from any support for a national registry and tracking system. This is really terrible.

Sincerely,

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7/19/93

Editor Pediatric News 12230 Wilkins Ave. Rockville, Md. 20852

Dear Editor:

In reading the July Ped. News, one would think that we Pediatricians are less interested in medicine than in social engineering.

e.g.#1-p.3: The assertion by Dr. Tarzynski that corporative medicine is somehow more noble than private practice and that the mentality of the private practitioner is actually "bad for medicine, bad for the country and bad for the planet." It takes a lot of nerve to walk into a wimpy, no-stress, high-pay clinic job with no call responsibility and then malign the individual practitioner who builds a practice and keeps it, based on his own performance and dedication and hard work, and is the reason that the U.S. has the best medical care in the world.

e.g.#2-p.4: The glowing praise by Dr. Redlener, an academic and project pediatrician, for Clinton's so-called Health Care Reform. The "new day for America's children" he talks about will channel more money into his pockets rather than to parents who after all have the primary responsibility for their children and who certainly "care more" than the government. By the way, if he is Black, as appears from the picture of him shaking Clinton's hand, this posturing is particularly odious, as the liberals solution to the problem of poor Blacks is prenatal genocide. (This, of course, was Margaret Sanger's goal in the founding of Planned Parenthood--the elimination of the Black and Yellow races, which she considered inferior.)

e.g.#3-p.10: The adolescent medicine "doctors", Shafer and Felice, who are advocating the encouragement of contraceptive use including pills and condoms to monor children, initiating discussions involving sex without parents present, and actually treating and billing children without the knowledge of parents. Apparantly the reason for the sacredness of "confidentiality" is so that parents will not know that these so-called doctors are imposing their immoral on the children rather than treating their medical problems.

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#### Dear Doctors:

1 would like to respectfully request a one year leave of absence. 1 have been a member in good standing for the past 16 years, and have always in the past been proud to be associated with the Academy.

Currently, however, in addition to taking some political positions with which I disagree (e.g. gun control), the Academy is taking some political positions which I consider to be immoral. Specifically, I am unable on moral grounds to justify sending dues money to an organization for use promoting the pro-liberal Democrat agenda of contraceptive-based sex education, tax funding for abortions, in-school sex clinics, and fetal tissue experimentation.

I do not expect to agree with everything contained in every policy of my professional organization, however, I do feel that we should stick to our area of expertise--the prevention and treatment of diseases of children--and stay away from social issues.

The pro-choice/pro-abortion position of the Academy for which we use dues money to lobby, casts a shadow on our upright tradition. This position is one I consider immoral, and on this basis, unable to financially support at this time.

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The Honorable Gene Taylor House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Gene:

I want to urge your continued support of the regulations that prohibit abortion counseling and abortion referral clinics that receive Title X funds. I feel that abortion should not be promoted as a method of birth control.

Please vote to support Pres. Bush on this issue, and on any other pro-abortion bill that he vetoes.

I am aware of the lobbying efforts of the American Academy of Pediatrics on this issue, and want you to know that in my opinion, the leadership does not speak for the majority of pediatricians.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I have written to our executive director on this issue. A similar letter was also written to Ms. Noyes, director of government liaison for the AAP.

Thank you for your continued efforts in the interests of America's unborn.

Sincerely,

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7/23/91

Elizabeth J. Noyes, Director Department of Rov't Liaison, Amer. Acad. of Pediatrics 1331 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 721 North Washington, D.C. 20004-1703

Dear Ms. Noyes:

Thank you for your 7/11 response to my letter of 6/8 in which I expressed my outrage that our Academy funds are being spent in political activities to encourage congressional action to reverse the Rust vs. Sullivan decision. This, as you know is the Supreme court decison which maintains the public policy wall of separation between contraception and abortion, and upholds the regulations issued in 1988 which require that no funds appropriated under Title X be used in programs where abortion is presented as a method of family planning.

Your contention that the restriction by tax-supported family planning clinics from providing "counseling" re. abortion services centers on freedom of speech and is a threat to the doctor-patient relationship is ludicrous and smacks of Planned Parenthood propaganda.

First of all the Title X program is designated for family planning and deals with methods of birth control and the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. In establishing the program, Congress specifically excluded abortion and its promotion from the program. Secondly, in over 80% of the cases the "counseling" in these clinics is done, not by physicians, but by nurse-practitioners, or in some cases by secretaries or other non-medical people. The Planned Parenthood clinics are felt by many to be little more than fronts for their lucrative abortion business. Seldom is a woman even counseled by a doctor before the abortion. More typically, the "doctor" is not seen until she is already on the table.

Once a woman is pregnant, she doesn't need family planning, she needs obstetrical services. It is proper at that point for the woman to be referred to agencies offering such services. If we really care about women and children, I feel we should be supporting true informed consent, not the "right" of a nonphysician to tell them they are too young (too sick, too old, too stupid) to take care of a baby, or that an abortion is a painless procedure that has no long-term effects, or that there is no baby -- only tissue.

Carolyn M. Buttross, M.D. Fellow American Academy of Pediatrics **Certified American Board of Pediatrics** 

No, this issue is <u>not</u> about free-speech <u>or</u> the doctor-patient relationship and you are doing a severe disservice to our young people, betraying the thousands of pro-life AAP dues-paying members, and diverting useful energy and money.

I will therefore repeat what I said in my previous letter: "I would strongly urge that the Academy stop all anti-life political activity. This type of political activity is degrading to pediatricians and threatens our credibility as advocates of children in the eyes of the public."

So far, the Academy's official "pro-choice" policy is not widely known by our membership, much less by the general public.

I wish to go on record that I am personally opposed to this type of political activity, and I feel the majority of our membership, and certainly the majority of Americans are opposed also. Most people have sense enough to know that you don't stop discrimination by killing babies, and using tax money to convince girls to use abortion under the guise of family planning has nothing to do with free speech.

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	Hon. Richard Stallings
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	Sen. Trent Lott
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Elizabeth J. Noyes, Director Department of Gov't Liaison, Amer. Acad. of Pediatrics 1331 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 721 North Washington, D.C. 20004-1703

Dear Dr. Noyes:

I am outraged to read in the June 1991 "Gov't Activities Report" of the Academy's formal opposition to the Supreme Court's "gag rule" decision.

As a pediatrician, I consider myself an advocate of the pre-born and consider the political promotion of the Academy's pro-abortion policies to be certainly opposed by the majority of our membership and as such is an abuse of our dues and is certainly an abuse of your power as our spokesperson.

I would strongly urge that the Academy stop all anti-life political activity. This type of political activity is degrading to pediatricians and threatens our credibility as advocates of children in the eyes of the public.

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Senator Thad Cochran U.S. Senate Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

According to the Dec. 1990 Capitol Hill Report of Concerned Women for America, the Centers for Disease Control has funneled more than \$600,000 from taxpayers to a homosexual group, Black and White Men Together. The CDC granted these funds to BWMT for the purpose of AIDS education.

Among its other activities, BWMT holds what it calls "Hot, Horny and Healthy" workshops that feature condom races, according to the Washington Blade, a newspaper popular among ardent homosexuals.

The Health and Human Services guidelines state that AIDS education programs receiving assistance from the CDE acannot promote homosexual activity. Nevertheless, BWMT is receiving our tax dollars and is eligible to receive them again under this year's budget.

According to CDC, BWMT does not have to provide any explanation of how they are providing AIDS education; they are only required to submit a type of receipt along with a statement of how effective they believe their program to be.

Please register a complaint with Dr. Sullivan, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, over this abuse of tax money.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

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S 0 I am in support of the moratorium on preborn baby tissue research. Please also extend the moratorium to include using preborn baby bodies on any type of research.

At the current time elective abortion is by far the number one cause of death in our country.

I find it ethically untenable to create a ready market for the bodies of these babies.

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8/28/90

Birt Harvey, M.D., President American Academy of Pediatrics P.O. Box 927 Elk Grove Village, IL 60009-0927

Dear Birt:

I have received your letter soliciting a contribution toward special Academy projects and activities.

I will not be sending you any money, and in fact am considering not sending any more dues, because the Academy, in my opinion, is promoting many issues and projects which are not in the best interest of our children. The most apparant of these is the Academy's amicus brief in the Webster case. The American Bar Association and the AFL-CIO have recently voted to assume a neutral stand on the issue of abortion, however our organization has persisted in political activism which is directly causing the horrible repulsive slaughter of over 1.5 million babies per year.

This is not the only area in which our Academy, in the name of child advocacy is leading the field in the promotion of antilife and anti-family values. Other areas are the promotion of school-based health clinics, contraception-based sex education, and government-funded day-care for babies from birth through school age. The first two of these have already been shown repeatedly to be dismal failures and the third unfairly discriminates against the more than 60% of families who choose to provide home care, not to mention the other 20-30% who would prefer church-based day care.

Yet another area in which I feel the Academy is promoting wrong information is in the area of population control Currently, our birth rate is in a dramatic decline. In 20-30 years who will be working and paying taxes to support our country? Far from being in a over-population crisis, we are in an underpopulation crisis which may have severe economic repercussions.

Rather than encouraging the fragmentation of families, can we consider encouraging our government to lighten the tax burden on families with children? In short, I am unwilling to support an organization which runs counter to my values and current reality in so many areas which involve child advocacy. Please do what you can do to return the A.A.P. to being a true advocate for children and not just another bureaucratic pawn.

Sincerely, Margary M. Carolyn M. Buttross, M.D. Diplomate: American Board of Pediatrics Fellow American College of Pediatricians

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Dear Dr. Harvey:

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Thank you for your kind response to my concerns for some of the areas of involvement by the Academy.

In your letter you indicate that you think "that contraception would prevent pregnancy of unwed teenagers and therefore diminish the need for abortions and would promote more traditional families." I realize that this has been the rationale for the Academy's support of school-based health clinics and contraceptive-based sex-education since 1987. However, recent data, including that published by vocal sex-clinic activist J. Dryfoos in Family Planning Perspectives' clearly indicate that school-based clinic programs have had no significant effects on pregnancy rates or birthrates, and no change in reported sexual activity. The only two earlier studies which showed a possible decrease in pregnancy rate were severely flawed in that one reported birth-rate instead of pregnancy rate and according to the National Conference on School-based Clinics in 1986, this apparant decrease may have been due to an increased number of abortions. In the other, the pregnancy rate was reported as pregnancies among the sexually active students only. In this way, an actual increase in pregnancies could have appeared as a decrease if sexual activity was increasing at a greater rate. Additionally, neither one of these studies had controls. So much for school-based sex clinics.

A recent review of contraceptive-based sex education by Stout and Rivara showed no alteration of adolescent sexual activity, contraceptive behavior or pregnancy by these programs. The lone exception was a community-based educational program in South Carolina, which involved family and ministers, and was actually chastity-based. This study showed a significant, sustained decrease in the pregnancy rate of about 50%.

It is interesting to note that exclusively chastity-based sex ed programs are not even mentioned in the medical literature. The most successful and interesting is one called Teen STAR (Sexuality Teaching in the context of Adult Responsibility). which was developed by Dr. Hanna Klaus, a board-certified Ob Gyn and Catholic nun. It is based on fertility awareness, respect for the power of procreation, and integration of the newly-developed capacity to procreate into their total personality as men and women. The effects of fertility awareness have been dramatic. Among the 235 teen women who participated in the pilot program, half of those who were sexually active Carolyn M. Buttross, M.D.

Carolyn M. Buttross, M.D. Diplomate: American Board of Pediatrica Fellow American College of Pediatricians stopped their activity. The women came from black, white, Hispanic, Catholic, Protestant, low and middle-income families, and the only pregnancy in the group was one which was planned. Since the four-year pilot project, which began in 1980, approximately 2400 young men and women have taken part in Teen STAR programs throughout the United States. There have been only five pregnancies among the teenagers--a figure dwarfed by the rates of teen pregnancy in the broader U.S. population. There have been and women called "Teen Aid" which has been used at San Marcos (California) Jr. HighSchol; which reports a reduction of pregnancies from 147 in the 1984-85 school year to 20 in 1986-87.

I feel strongly that as leaders in child advocacy we must make it our business to know the true facts in these issues. I am mailing you copies of all my references so that you can read through these things for yourself.

While we're on the subject of sex, I might add that often parents ask the pediatrician for a good sex education book that they might buy for their child or teenager. I have reviewed most of the ones available, and in my opinion the best ones are: for children--The Wonderful Way That Babies are Made by Larry Christenson, Easton Publishing Co,Inc., P.O. Bx. 1064, Jefferson City Mo. 65102. for teenagers--Know Your Body, a Family Guide to Sexuality and Fertility, by Charles W. Norris M.D. and Jeanne B. Waibel Owen, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., 200 Noll Plaza, Huntington, Indiana 46705.

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P.S. I think Dr. Klaus might be a good speaker for one of our meetings

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Editor, The Sun Herald P.O. Box 67 Biloxi, MS 39535

#### Dear Editor:

I was surprised to read your the article entitled "America, land of the 60% free" in which columnist James Kilpatrick ridicules the American people for what he considers their "giddy as barnyard geese" views. Apparantly his society for the protection of free expression sponsored a survey in which the vast majority of the respondents believe that the government should not be able to tell us what views we may or may not express. Of course this is exactly what the first amendment guarantees. The survey then went on to ask whether the government has the right to ban or require labeling of sexually explicit materials. On this question he was astounded that 60-80% of Americans answered yes.

I guess it would surprise him to know that most states have laws restricting sexually explicit materials to minors. This is why we have R-rated movies ('no one under 18 admited without parents') and why Playboy and Hustler magazines are behind the brown wrapper (or should be) He then equates this with lack of belief in freedom of expression. I wonder why he does not just publish the results of the survey instead of trying to say why Americans do not know what they are talking about just because he does not agree.

In fact, certain types of speech or expression have always been excluded from protection by the first amendment. For example, that which causes reckless endangerment such as yelling "fire" in a crowded building, slander, and child pornography carry stiff penalties.

In addition, the sale or distribution of obscene materials is expressly forbidden by law, and the Supreme Court has upheld on numerous occasions that these are not covered by the first amendment. "Obscenity" as a legal term is clearly defined by law and is not "in the eye of the beholder" as we so often hear. This definition requires sexual activity and not just nudity or explicitness. Enforcement, as set up by most state laws, requires a jury decision that the material meet the legal definition and also, that meeting that definition, it is out of line with current community standard for tolerance.

> Carolyn M. Buttross, M.D. **Diplomate: American Board of Pediatrics** Fellow American College of Pediatricians

Therefore, as with many laws, the presence of illegal materials in a community is dependent upon the local tolerance and enforcement. This is the American way. It is certainly legal, and never in the past has protection of our young from exposure to materials which clearly have the potential to result in great harm to the individual and to society as a whole resulted in the curtailment of free expression of ideas as intended to be protected by the first amendment. Contrary to what he says, I think the great majority of Americans do know what freedom is. I think they also realize the accountability which goes along with a truly free people, so that the young, the vulnerable, and the weak in a society will not be unduly exploited.

Furthermore, most Americans certainly know that the limitation of illegal activities and materials, as clearly defined by existing and upheld laws, and decided by a jury has nothing to do with censoring or limiting the free expression of ideas and views.

Sincerely,

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cc: President, Univ. of Virginia

cc: James Kilpatrick

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Dear Working Mother Authors and Editor:

I am a pediatrician with a large private practice and have subscribed to your magazine for my waiting room for a number of years. As a workig mother and a professional advocate of children, I have enjoyed your journal and have always considered it very helpful and of high quality.

I feel compelled, therefore, to comment on your article "Where in the World...." It certainly seems on the surface that free government day care would be supportive of families in that working mothers would be freed of the burden of locating and paying for child care. However, with every government giveaway there is a string attached. The string is that women are pressured into working in order to obtain any benefit because of the unfair discrimination of such a law against women who choose to stay home with their children, provide alternate homebased care, or part-time or full-time Church-based private care.

Before advocating such a thing as institutionalized day care in early infancy, we must make a decision that it is in the best interest of the child and the family. Most pediatricians feel that it is not.

Most women work because they have to, in order to meet living expenses caused by excessive tax burdens, which is in turn causing families to have fewer children. Currently, our birth rate is in a dramatic decline. Rather than encouraging fragmentation of families, we must encourage our government to lighten the tax burden on families with children. This could be done by increasing the dependent's exemption on the income tax and by reducing social security taxes in proportion to the number of children families have. I'm sure there are yet other creative ways appropriate for a democratic society which does not unfairly discriminate against the more than 60% of families who choose to provide home care.

Sweden has one of the model government subsidized day care situations. It's effect has been very harmful to women, to children and to the family unit. I don't think it is a good idea to try to imitate this.

In short, no, I do not think our government whould follow the example of the countries cited in your article. I think government should stay out of the baby-sitting business.

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8/19/90

Ray Mabus, Governor State of Mississippi Jackson, MS 39215

Dear Governor Mabus:

I am astounded to see your comment quoted in the last paragraph of Parade magazine's article on the question of abortion. These words simply parrot the pro-abortion retoric poorly described as pro-choice. There is an urgent need for our leaders to provide protection to our unborn and to their mothers from the mercenary exploitation that is causing the intentional killing of more than 1.5 million babies per year. It is stretching it to call this "bureaucrats imposing their view." By the way, there is only one God. He is your God, mine, the woman's, the father's and the baby's. He creates life, it is not an accident. We do not therefore have the choice to dispose of it at will. If so, then how can we possibly draw the line at infanticide, euthanasia, suicide, and disposal of undesirables and unproductives?

Congratulations on your new baby. Please do what you can do to protect all our babies.

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July 17, 1990

Editor PEDIATRIC NEWS 12230 Wilkins Ave. Rockville, Md. 20852

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Dear Sir:

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I am trying to find words to express my disgust with the flippant disdain by the American Academy of Pediatric bureaucrats for the older, experienced pediatricians' opinion regarding the adverse effect of early institutionalized child care on our children.

I am a 46 year old woman pediatrician and I certainly agree with most pediatricians and with most American women and men that institutionalized day care in early infancy is detrimental to the health and social development of babies. Rather than promoting government-funded cradle-and-up child care we should be promoting fair and equal treatment for all families no matter how they choose to care for their children. Past efforts of government such as head start and school-based clinics have been dismal failures.

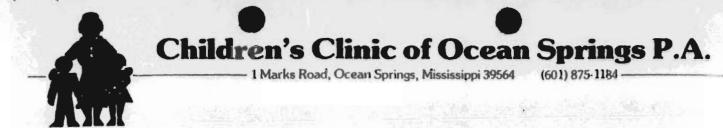
Most women work because they have to, in order to meet living expenses caused by excessive tax burdens, which is in turn causing families to have fewer children. Currently, our birth rate is in a dramatic decline. In 20-30 years who will be working and paying taxes to support our country? Far from being in an over-population crisis, we are in an under-population crisis which may have severe economic repercussions. Rather than encouraging fragmentation of families, we must encourage our government to lighten the tax burden on families with children. This could be done by increasing the dependent's exemption on the income tax and by reducing social security taxes in proportion to the number of children families have.

If families are our greatest national resource and children are the future of our country, why is the AAP advocating subsidized day care which unfairly discriminates against the more than 60% of families who choose to provide home care, and why do they discount as a "generation gap" the opinions of our older, wiser, and more-experienced pediatricians.

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. Buttross, M.D.

G. David Fain, M.D.



May 8, 1990

President THE WHITE HOUSE Washington, D.C.

Re: NEA Funding

Dear Sir:

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I believe that taste in art and music is a personal matter and should not be funded by public monies. I see no benefit to expending taxpayer money for works and performances which require the expenditure of more taxpayer money to enforce federal and state child pornography and anti-obscenity laws. This has nothing to do with "censorship."

I strongly demand--and I believe the majority of American taxpayers agree--that the federal government STOP ALL FUNDING to the National Endowment of the Arts.

If we have extra money spend it on feeding, health care and education of our children.

> Diplomate: American Board of Pediatrics Fellow American College of Pediatrics

Respectfully,

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Carolyn M. Buttross, M.D.

G. David Fain, M.D.



April 5, 1990

Federal Communication Commission 1919 M Street Northwest Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sir:

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I am in favor of banning the television and radio transmission of obscene material as defined by the supreme court AND MOST STATE ANTI-OBSCENITY LAWS.

As a pediatrician I feel that pornography is an isidious, devastating invader of our children, families and society and strongly support the enforcement of our anti-obscenity laws.

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. Burttross, M.D.

Carolyn M. Buttross, M.D.

Diplomate: American Board of Pediatrics Fellow American College of Pediatrics

### G. David Fain, M.D.



expenditure of public monies to enforce these laws.

I find it irresponsible for Mike Royko, in a nationally syndicated column, to deride Cincinnati's enforcement of child pornography and anti-obscenity laws as "malicious justice." Our country has the right to make laws which are in the interest of the majority, and when constitutionally upheld by the Supreme Court, the elected officials have an obligation to uphold these laws.

I hope that soon our elected officials here on the Coast and in Mississippi will have the courage to do the same. Also, I hope that this incident will point out the need for insisting on accountability for the expenditure of our tax dollars.

CAROLYN BUTTROSS, M.D. Ocean Springs

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### Taxes shouldn't fund art that violates law

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I found Mike Royko's comments regarding Cincinnati's prosecution of the National Endowment for the Arts' Mapplethorpe exhibit quite superficial and inane.

The NEA received over \$170 million of taxpayers' money in 1989, a large portion of which went for stage acts and exhibitions that are patently obscene by Supreme Court definition and the definitions contained in most state anti-obscenity laws.

I feel that taste in art and music is a personal matter and should not be funded by public monies. It is absolutely incredible and totally unacceptable that public monies be spent to fund works which are clearly against most state obscenity laws, necessitating the further

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# Local group targets poinography

### **y ROB HOLBERT**

est Jackson County Bureau

OCEAN SPRINGS — A group of local hysicians and concerned citizens has tarted petitioning for city ordinances in autier and Ocean Springs which would an the sale or rental of pornographic interials.

The group is hoping to have enough ignatures in the next few weeks to bring efore, the Gautier City Council and the

### Tom Page

ex crimes, which she said included a 40 ercent rise in rape, are related to pornoraphy.

Dr. Buttross and her colleagues based heir fears in a report by the U.S. Deartment of Justice which has linked ornography with sex crimes. The report specially condemns child pornography or he depiction of "pseudo children," which se older women portrayed as children in ornography, because it said that such epictions aided in the molestation of hildren.

Of Buttross said that the original course f action that she wanted to pursue was a surt case involving local video stores. She oped that would set a precedent which then be followed in every other case. However, she said that after consulting a twyer, she was convinced that what really eeded to be done was to have city redinances passed which would ban ornography.

"There is a state law against pornoraphy, it's just not enforced," Dr. Butoss said in reference to the 1972 obscenity iw.

The law states that "a person commits ne offense of distributing obscene laterials or obscene performances when e sells, rents, leases, advertises, publishes r exhibits to any person any obscene laterial or obscene performance of any escription knowing the obscene nature hereof, or offers to do so, or possesses such laterial with the intent to do so."

Attorney Richard Brock, who is acting as gal council for, AFA, said that the state iw "just hasn't been applicable to cities nd towns." He said that the way the group moving is the best way of banning ornography.

"City ordinances can be much more strictive," Brock said.

The AFA brought their idea before the autier City Council, but were told that the suncil would like more information before vey make a decision.

"They wanted to know if there was a roblem in Gautier. They wanted affidavits om people in the area who had been iversely affected," Dr. Buttross said. They have not as yet gone before the coon Seria,'s Board of Aldermen.

Lautier Mayor John Read said that the uncil is looking into the situation. Ocean Springs Board of Aldermen. Led by five local pediatricians, they have become a chapter of the American Family Association, a group which frequently fights against pornography.

Dr. Carolyn Buttross, president of AFA and an Ocean Springs physician, said that the petitioning grew out of a realization that there is pornography in the area, and a fear of what effects it might have on children.

should not be allowed, but as far as I know, there has not been one case in Gautier where this problem has surfaced. There is a need to look into it though," Read said.

Read said that he is concerned that the group which is sponsoring the petition comes from outside of Gautier, but are trying to put restrictions on Gautier businesses.

"This matter just needs further study. I can tell you that no one on the council is for pornography," he added.

Dr. Buttross said that the focus for the ordinance would be video stores and convenience stores which sell such magazines as *Playboy* and *Hustler*.

"We did research and found that four of six video stores in Ocean Springs and three of four in Gautier rent "X" rated videos. A lot of the convenience stores sell the pornographic magazines," Dr. Buttross said.

The AFA has put out petitions at doctors' offices in Gautier and Ocean Springs and, according to member Dana Shirley, they have over 500 signatures already.

"Most people do not want pornography. Educating people about it is important," Dr. Buttross said.

Jackson County Youth Court Judge Emily Baker said that she and most juvenile judges are concerned about the problem of pornography.

"Many pedophiles (people who prefer children for their sexual pleasure) are heavy readers of pornography. They often commit these acts against children after reading pornography. Most serial murderers of children are heavy into it," Judge Baker said.

She said that she believes that the use of pornography has contributed to the increase of child molestation across the state.

"It is a real danger having it around," she said.

Although the AFA has said that it wants to ban pornography in the Gautier and Ocean Springs areas, it has drawn the line that will declare what is pornographic and what is not.

"We will just use the state definition of obscenity," Dr. Buttross said.

The state defines material as obscene if: (a) To the average person, applying contemporary community standards, taken as a whole, it appeals to the prurient interest, that is, a lustful erotic, shameful, or

"I suddenly realized that our hice lift community has four video stores rentin "X" rated videos. Some of the stores at right near the high school." Dr Buttro said.

serious literary, artistic, political or scie tific value;

(c) The material depicts or describes in patently offensive way, sexual condusuch as: acts of sexual intercours heterosexual or homosexual, normal perverted, actual or simulated; acts masturbation; acts involving excreto functions or lewd exhibition of the genita acts of bestiality or the fondling of s organs of animals; or sexual acts flagellation, torture or other violence dicating a sadomasochistic sexual re tionship.

The ambiguity of the state law has j some local businessmen a bit worried.

"They sent a letter wanting to take son "R" rated movies off the shelf. It's question of 'what's next?"' said Te Miolon, who owns N and N Video in Oce Springs.

"If they object to the shooting of a deer Bambi, do they go after that? It is infrir ing on people's rights," he added.

Miolon said that the pornographic vide "rent well" at his store. He feels that the is just as much chance that they preve problems as there is that they cause the

"Maybe these videos help some peol get it out of their system; people who mit otherwise be out there doing some of the things you hear about," Miolon said.

He thinks that banning the videos wou not help anyway.

"If you tell them that they can't do they are more subject to do it. They'll ju get it in Biloxi or somewhere else," Miol said.

Miolon believes that it is the right of t people to be able to look at pornography the privacy of their own home. He hop that the issue will be put up for a vote by t people in Gautier and Ocean Springs.

Another video store owner who preferr to remain anonymous said that he, to feels that it is a matter of personal choic as long as it does not infringe on othes rights.

He said that the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of speech and idea gives Americans the right to have port graphy.

He, too, echoed Mion's sentiment th what the people cannot have, they wa more.

"If you come out with something in t. paper about these videos, then I can't kethem on the shelf." he said.

Thursday, February 1, 1990 Mississippi Pross-11-A

# Community can stop pornography by setting standard

#### By CAROLYN BUTTROSS, M.D. President, Mesissippi Gulf Coast

American Family Association

The Mississippi Gulf Coast American Family Association (AFA) would like to take this opportunity to thank The Mississippi Press for allowing us the space to present our arguments against the presence of pornography in our community.

In beginning our campaign, we found that educating the public to pertinent facts was one of our first responsibilities. As there has been a marked increase of child molestation and sexual crimes against women in the state, as well as Jackson County specifically,

we wanted to address this subject at the present level of exposure before it became an increased

m as in other communities.

and we would like to address one of these areas.

Freedom of expression, NOT pornography, is protected under the First Amendment. The Supreme Court has always held that obscenity is not protected any more than libel or slander would be. Obscenity is not a First Amendment issue but a crime and 90 percent of the traffic in hard core pornography in this country is controlled by organized crime.



.The Mississippi Code defines obscenity as

a) To the average person, applying contemporary community standards, taken as a whole, it appeals to the prurient interest, that is, a lustful erotic, shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex or excretion;

b) The material taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value;

c) The material depicts or describes in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct such as: acts of sexual intercourse, heterosexual or homosexual, normal or perverted, actual or simulated; acts of masturbation; acts involving excretory functions or lewd exhibition of the genitals; acts of bestiality or the fondling of animals; or sexual acts of flagellation, torture or other violence indicating a sadomasochistic sexual relationship.

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Soft core: shows nudity without the act (we are already seeing this on television almost every day and even in some commercials). So-called soft porn represents about 10 percent of what is widely available today.

Hard core: shows the physical act in a way that causes sexual arousal. Explicitly portrays rape, torture, masturbation, excretion, urination, sex with animals, sex with the dead, violence, even munder of women and children.

Testimony before Congress has revealed that 77 percent of the child molesters of boys and 87 percent of the molesters of girls admitted imitating behavior they had seen in pornography. There are now nearly 250 child pornography magazines available around the country. As long as we tolerate this degradation, our women and children are in jeopardy.

A recent lederal survey found that 78 percent of all pornographic material fails into the hands of children. At a vital time in their development, when they are forming values and relationships children's views of sex and respect for others are being distorted to their detriment and to the detriment of their families

. Another argument presented by all those whose interests are best

served by having no enforced community standards of decency is the implication that any restriction of any expression opens the Pandora's Box of oppressive censorship.

This is patently ridiculous and is tantamount to saying, "No law is good law." The point that should be obvious here is that if a majority community consensus determines an activity to be detrimental to the community, a right and obligation exists to enact laws controlling that activity. The Supreme Court has already ruled on this issue and it is addressed in the Mississippi Code. All that remains is for communities to adopt and enforce local standards.

Regarding the so-called "consenting adults" argument, the U.S. Supreme Court said in Paris Theatre v. Slaton (June 1973), "We categorically disapprove the theory that obscene films acquire constitutional immunity from state regulation simply because they are exhibited for consenting adults only. Rights and interests other than those of the advocates are involved. These include the interest of the public in the quality of life, the total community environment, the tone of commerce and, pessibly, the public safety itself."

Also stated. "The sum of experience, including that of the past two decades, affords an ample basis for legislatures to conclude that a sensitive, key relationship of human existence, central to family life, community welfare and the development of human personality, can be debased and distorted by crass commercial exploitation of sex.

Two cases in point 11 A five-year study of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma (Oklahoma City) showed that as the number of pornography outlets were closed, the number of rapes went down. A total of 150 sex-oriented businesses were closed. During this time, the number of rapes decreased each year. In 1988 there were 435 rapes in Oklahoma County, down from 588 rapes in 1983; however, in the rest of the state there were 794 rapes in 1988, up from 657 rapes in 1983.

2) According to the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, Cincinnati police found an 83 percent decrease in major crimes such as rape, larceny and robbery from 1974 to 1979 on a particular city block — after a massage parlor, X-rated bookstore and a "soft core" movie theatre were shut down.

Another argument is that pornographic movies prevent as many problems as they might cause, due to the misconception that these urges are allegedly channeled in harmless ways.

Studies indicate that heavy users of pornography do not get bored

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just as sadists don't get bored with sadism and voyeurs don't get bored with voysurism. They just go deeper and deeper into more and more bizarre forms of pornography.

According to Khalilah Karim-Uqdah, a sexual assault counselor with the Gulf Coast Women's Center in Biloxi, there has been a 40 percent increase in sexual assault cases in Jackson County since May 1989 (reported in the Ocean Springs Record, Sept. 14, 1989).

We can only eradicate pornography from our community when our community sets the standard that it no longer will tolerate its presence.

Nobody is imposing morality on anybody. It is only the consensus of the community that determines the standards of public decency. When that consensus is properly manifested in public law, that then becomes the community standard; not what any individual dictates.

All surveys show that the majority of Americans are vehemently opposed to the traffic in pornography and want it stopped. The majority do care but they are confused and discouraged in the fact of a highly organized inudstry and the loud "prophets" of false freedom.

A solution: A local chapter of the AFA has been formed along the coast and our first order of business is to legislate for a city ordinance prohibiting pornography in our communities. Petitions are being circulated allowing Jackson County residents the opportunity to request such action be taken.

We would like to encourage local citizens (taxpayers and/or registered voters) to sign these petitions at their local churches or stop by the following offices:

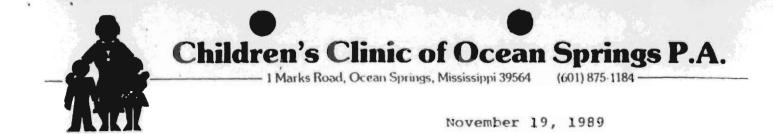
• Drs. Buttross and Fain, #1 Marks Road, Ocean Springs

Drs. Tucker, Hester and Talty, #3 Marks Road, Ocean Springs
 Drs. Holbert, Booth, and Hughes, Ladnier Road, Gautier.

We would also like to encourage those of you who support this effort to please call your local mayor and Board of Aldermen (Ocean Springs and Moss Point), and City Council (Gautier and Pascagoula) and voice your complaint against the presence of pornography in our community. (Note: If you are a Jackson County resident but live outside the city limits, please call the city which you patronize most, i.e. businesses, shopping, church, etc.)

This is a winnable war! Let's not lose by default.

For more information about the local chapter of the American Family Association, or to volunteer your help and support, lease write #1 Marks Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564.



Frank Oski M.D., Fditor Contemporary Pediatrics 680 Kinderkamack Rd. Oradell, N.J. 07649

Dear Dr. Oski:

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I was interested in the article "Confronting the hidden epidemic of sexual abuse," in which the author states that prevention is the key and that pamphlets on sexual abuse should be available in the waiting and examining rooms, and I do not disagree with this. Nowever, I feel efforts at prevention could be profitably, directed at the cause of child molestation.

Child pornography, if not the actual cause, has been repeatedly linked by very numerous studies to child sexual abuse. Pesearchers have also found that child pornography (and pornography in general) is a desensitizer and disinhibiter.

Dr. Koop spoke out in American Medical News Oct. 10, 1986, calling pornography a "crushing public health problem" and advised physicians to warn their patients of the public health dangers it presents. Dr. Judith Feisman has recently completed a very interesting study at American Univ. in Washington, D.C. entitled"Images of Children, Crime and Violence in Playboy, Penthouse and Hustler Magazines." This research was sponsored by Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinguency Prevention, U.S. Dept. of Justice.

For your interest I am enclosing copies of Dr. Koop's article, and copies of "The Reisman Report" and "Pornography: A Report".

Sincerely,

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Carolyn M. Buttross M.D.

P.S. My husband liked your editorial about the pants but he's still trying to get in shape to take a treadmill test.

Carolyn M. Buttross, M.D.

Diplomate: American Board of Pediatrics Fellow American College of Pediatrics G. David Fain, M.D.

# Children's Clinic of Ocean Springs

\_\_\_\_1 Marks Road, Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564 (601) 875-1184.

November 3, 1989

Editor American Medical News 535 N. Dearborn Chicago, 111. 60610

Dear Sir:

I was chilled by the article on cheating in medical school which indicated that 50% of medical students have cheated in medical school and 9 out of 10 had cheated in college. This seems to disclose the same "quick-fix" mentality that is leading some physicians to justify killing the inconvenient pre-born or the useless post-born, the promotion of homosexuality as a legitimate alternate lifestyle, and sex education as pornographic pictorals of "risk-associated" and "non-risk-associated" behaviors.

The AAP is currently engaged in a tirade against some formula companies which are by-passing the doctor and promoting infant formulas directly to the parents and how this may adversely affect breast feeding--really! We are all, however, ignoring the multi-billion dollar child pornography industry which is clearly associated with child sexual abuse.

Can we get back to moral basics or have we become so intelligent as to not be accountable?

Sincerely,

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Carolyn M. Buttross M.D.FAAP



### Children's Clinic of Ocean Springs P.A.

October 6, 1989

Abigail Van Buren P.O. Box 69440 Los Angeles CA 90069

Dear Abby:

You have done your readers a disservice in your reply to "Hates Hypocrites" who wonders if pro-life activists would personally adopt a problem child, have they offered to baby sit the child of a single mother, take care of a pregnant teenager, visited abuseu and delinquent children, etc.

Actually, most of the people who picket the abortion clinics are people who have done all these things and much more or provide direct support to people who do. They are people who value human life and are not afraid to stand up and say so, often at great personal sacrifice.

There are free services available in every area for women with problem pregnancies. These include counseling, pre-natal care and delivery care, adoption. free baby clothes. Yes, and they even provide homes for teenagers whose parents have kicked them out.

A woman may locate a pregnancy center in her area offering free abortion alternatives by looking in the yellow pages under "Pregnancy counseling."

Incidentally, in spite of our 1 and 1/2 million abortions per year, child abuse and neglect are increasing and so are babies with AIDS. It is clear that killing the pre-born will not improve the quality of life for the survivors.

Sincerely,

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Carolyn M. Buttross M.D. Pediatrician Ocean Springs, MS

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### Doctors seek curb on pornography

<sup>101</sup> The pediatricians of Ocean Springs are concerned about the proliferation of obscene materials <sup>14</sup> in the form of pornographic magazines and videos.

These materials have been recently linked to child sexual abuse by the Reisman Report. In addition, there have long been noted connections between use of these materials and crimes against women and sexual crimes against men. In fact, it has been shown that the mere availability of obscene materials in a community is associated with an increase in sexual crimes. On the other hand, in communities which have removed obscene materials, the sex crimes have decreased.

Ocean Springs is an area with a commitment to its children. This is manifest by the value placed on children and families, our excellent recreational facilities and organizations, and our outstanding schools. We feel that this high community standard does not permit tolerance of the sale of obscene materials in our local stores.

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In addition, Mississippi does have a law against the sale and distribution of obscene materials, with clear definitions of what is considered obscene.

The pediatricians have therefore made available to Mayor

A REAL REPORT

Kenneth Alves, City Prosecutor Foley Ranson, Chamber of Commerce executive Nancy Martin and Republican Women President Wanda Williams, a list of video and convenience stores which distribute obscene materials. We have also sent the store owners/zone or district managers letters signed by all of Ocean . Springs' pediatricians requesting that they remove these materials, and have sent copies of the executive summary of "Images of Children, Crime and Violence in Playboy, Penthouse and Hustler Magazines," (The Reisman Report) a copy of "Pornography: a Report, a copy of Dr. Koop's statement published in the American Medical News and the current revised Mississippi state law regarding obscene materials.

We will make these copies available to anyone upon request and also a list of stores in Ocean Springs who are in violation of the law.

Incidentally, the Ocean Springs Record reported recently that there has been a 40% increase in the number of rapes in Jackson County in the past year.

CAROLYN BUTTROSS, M.D. GEORGE D. FAIN M.D. MARION D. TUCKER M.D. GLORIA E. HESTER M.D. LAUREN TALTY M.D. Ocean Springs

# Children's Clinic of Ocean Springs P.A.

- 1 Marks Road, Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564

August 17, 1989

(601) 875 1184 -

Donald E. Schiff, MD 141 Northwest Pt. Blvd. Elk Grove Village IL 60009

Re: Letter dated 7/7/89

Dear Dr. Schiff:

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It disturbs we that you say the Academy has taken a "Prochoice position" yet you also claim that the Academy is "not pro-abortion." Obviously, the pro-choice applies to abortion and not to infanticide, child abuse, rape, murder, etc.

it is interesting that 12% of our colleagues oppose abortion under any circumstances. Undoubtedly, there is a much larger percentage who oppose it under most circumstances, i.e. parental inconvenience or in the case of 2nd and 3rd trimester abortions.

Sincerely,

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Jerold F. Lucey, M.D., Editor Pediatrics Editorial office, Nedical Center Hospital Burlington, VT. 05401

### Dear Dr. Lucey:

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I have been a member of the AAP for over 12 years, and have supported the efforts of our organization to protect the interests and promote the well-being of our children. I was very surprised and disappointed, therefore, to read in June <u>Ped</u>. <u>News</u> of the Academy's official pro-abortion stance. This in view of the fact that classically it is perinatology and neo natology that made pediatrics a specialty!

To self-righteously plead "pro-choice" at the expense of our most vulnerable and innocent is to me ethically untenable and a blasphemy of our Hippocratic oath as physicians, but, more specifica; to our professions as pediatricians who are committed to care for and protect children, including the newly-born and unborn.

It is interesting that a recent survey done by the AAP, according to our president, Dr. Schiff, shows that 12 % of our colleagues oppose abortion under <u>any circumstances</u>. Undoubtedly, there is a much larger percentage who oppose it under <u>most</u> circumstances, i.e. parental inconvenience or in the case of 2nd and 3rd trimester abortions.

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Carolyn M. Buttross,M.D. Ocean Springs, Ms.

# Pornography Awareness Week set

#### By CAROLYN M. BUTTROSS, M.D. Special to The Mississippi Press

OCEAN SPRINGS — On Aug. 3, 1990, the Dallas Morning News reported the sexual assault of a 7-year-old girl in Mesquite, Texas. Her step-father was arrested for the "near torture" crime involving a ratchet wrench which broke off in the little girl. Later. it had to be surgically removed.

What incited this hideous and perverted

act? According to the detective who investigated the incident, the little girl had been "forced to look at pornographic magazines depicting a woman performing sex acts on herself with tools and then act them out."

Such incidents are on the increase in the United

States. Sick people get Dr. Buttross aroused and incited by pornographic materials and then act out their fantasies on innocent women and children. This is one of the reasons the week of Oct. 28 - Nov. 3 has been designated "Pornography Awareness Week." Citizen groups across the nation will sponsor educational activities showing the devastating effects of pornography on individuals, families and society.

Our local chapter. Mississippi Gulf Coast American Family Association, is attempting to educate the public to the dangers and effects of pornography, and to encourage stronger law enforcement efforts.

We have obtained approximately 5,500 signatures by citizens who agree that pornography is a danger in our community and wish to see our state and local laws enforced. Pornography in the community has exceeded the bounds of our local standards and could well be deemed obscene in a court of law. The Supreme Court has ruled that obscenity is NOT protected by the First Amendment; in fact, the court does not even consider it speech.

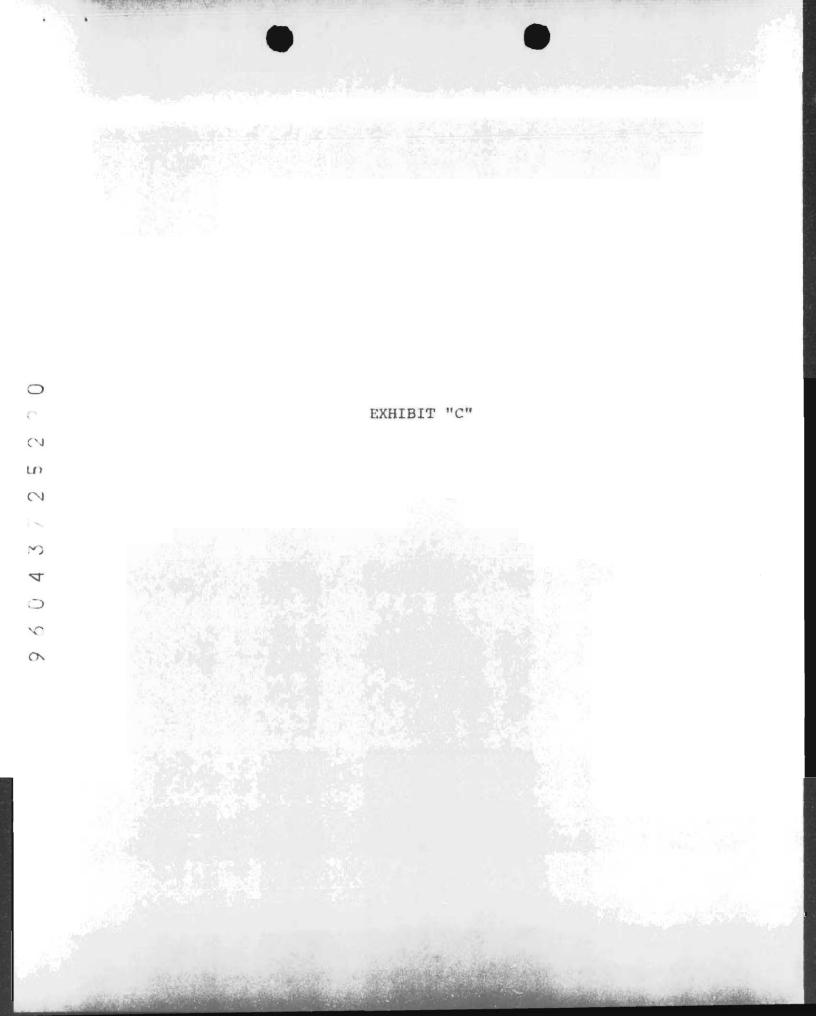
The Mississippi Gulf Coast American Family Association wants local businesses to realize the harm of pornography. The person that sold the magazine used in assaulting the 7-year-old girl would probably be quick to demand his First Amendment rights, but these rights pale alongside the life of an innocent child.

Even if pornography only played a minor role in the sexual abuse of children, what decent human being would want to contribute to the poisoning of their community with it? That is the question each of of must answer.

Won't you wear a white ribbon Oct. 28 through Nov. 3, to represent your stand against pornography?

If people would like to know more about how they can help stop the plague of pornography and obscenity, please contact our local chapter at #1 Marks Road, Ocean Springs, MS 39564.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Carolyn M. Buttross of Ocean Springs is president of Mississippi Gulf Coast American Family Association.



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I read with interest U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor's recent reply to a constituent who had expressed concern that we have a liberal representing us in Congress. I too am concerned and hope that in the coming election we can elect someone who really is conservative and who will not have to be accountable to the liberal Democratic leadership.

We need someone who will not have to vote every year for Tom Foley as House Speaker; someone who will not have to wait in the wings to see if his vote is needed for passage of a bill while he pretends to be "undecided;" someone who will put his office-allowance money to good use rather than send it to the House leaderships for redistribution to liberal Democrats (no, that money did not go back into the treasury).

Gene Taylor is certainly accountable to the House leadership. He voted with them in opposing Desert Storm and voted with them on NAFTA.

Taylor says he never voted for teaching homosexuality in schools. He supports those who support such teaching and has voted against the school-choice bill.

As a woman, I resent Mr. Taylor leaving his family behind while he lives on a houseboat. The national image of Mississippi suffers enough without a Congressman presenting such an anti-family public image.

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To the Editor:

'Tis the season again, now that the Congressional elections are upon us, for a faction in the Republican party to trot out some of its faithful to write their little letters to you attacking Cong. Gene Taylor.

With their usual ignorance of the facts and distortion of the truth, the writers try and depict him as "liberal," a "vote in reserve for the president" and one who helps elect Tom Foley Speaker of the House.

The fact that none of that is true is irrelevant to these intellectual giants as they try and lay the groundwork for another one of their pathetic challengers.

Now however, the attack has taken a new, but not altogether surprising turn. Many of the representatives of the people in Congress are now failing and refusing to deal with the serious issues that face this country and are turning to vindictiveness and the destruction of their opponents by personal attacks on them and their families.

Dr. Buttross's letter to you in the March 10 edition of your paper is of that quality. Cong. Taylor owns one home in this state and lives on his boat. I have seen his boat. It is not glamorous or comfortable and is not a "playboy's pad." He does not own a home on the beach in this state, as well as one on the Hill in Washington, D.C., and sit on the Board of Directors of various corporations.

He does give his Congressional raise to college students for their education, comes home on weekends to be with his family, does believe that we, as a people, should live within our means and works long and hard hours for all of his constituents.

I don't know Cong. Taylor, his wife and children ; well, but I know them enough to say that they are good, loving people.

· Dr. Buttross owes them an apology. I doubt -they will get it.

It is clear that the letters "M.D." behind a name don't guarantee that the person trained to serve the medical needs of patients will be sensitive, compassionate, intelligent and caring toward the feelings of others.

Robert P. Krebs

Pascagoula, Miss.

### Upset with support for gays To the Editor:

According to a news article on page 11 in the March edition of "American Family Association Journal," The Walt Disney Company:

(1) Recently placed an ad in a homosexual publication;

(2) Amended its employment policy to protect homosexuals against discrimination;

(3) Helped underwrite hast year's Hollywood benefit for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force:

(4) Extended health benefits plans to include same-sex partners, and;

ipate in homosexual acts. This violates the God and of the State of Mississippi.

They say, "We were born that way." Tr they ake referring to Dr. Dean Hamer's (Washington Times, 7-16-93) on chromosol homosex al twin and non-twin brothers w seriously flawed. It is a phony. It is ripped at Family Research Report, July-August '93 Box 2091, Washington, D.C. 20013; (703 8536. Send for a copy.

They say, "God made me this way." Tru God would not make them that way, then s same sex "laying together" is an abomin Just tell the truth

They say, "We want the public to under and accept us." They are already accepted as son. Truth is, they want to force their home ality on us and our children, via recruit! Re Recruit!

Their lifestyle is destructive - they die deaths. They are violent - 50 percent of th lence in jails is homosexually oriented. And, 9 cent of AIDS is caused by male homosexual

They want to look like a nice couple. Tru they require multiple partners and especially out juveniles (Family Research Institute, ( 690-8536). Truth is, they want the age of se consent lowered to sodomize our children an protected by the law.

They strongly promote abortion of unborn dren. They have bills submitted in Congres declare homosexuality a civil right. It/will hap if good people do nothing to stop it.

They say, "I can't help what I am." Truth i is learned and many are escaping. (Call Exo Int. (415) 454-1017, which is staffed by ex-ho. sexuals.)

... Christians, keep writing letters to exp the evil and to "just tell the truth."

Antoine Otto

Ocean Springs, Miss.

### It's Music in Schools month

To the Editor:

Schools in the Pascagoula Municipal Separ School District are celebrating March as Mu in Our Schools Month. This activity sponsored the Music Educators National Conference has its theme "Music for Good Measure." We beli that music is a necessary part of a well-round education.

We kicked off our MOSM celebration with sixth grade music festival and World's Large Concert held at Pascagoula High School audito um.

Many adults present said they found it a ve moving experience to hear so many children wor ing together to create something so beautiful. He refreshing it was to divert our attention from the problems our world faces on something positi and beautiful!

Pascagoula native John Langworthy did a ver capable job of conducting our rehearsal and con cert, and his show choir from Lovett Elements

Responds brutal letter

### To the Editor:

As chairman of the Republican Party of Jackson County, I feel I must respond to Robert P. Krebs scathing letter to Republicans and Dr. Buttross in particular who voiced her disapproval of Cong. Gene Taylor, (D-Miss.) in a letter to the editor, dated March 10.

Bob is an excellent attorney, well respected and liked in our community and a long-time leader in the Democrat Party. The brutal attack on those who would voice their disapproval of Gene Taylor does not sound like Bob at all.

In her letter, Dr. Buttross charged Cong. Taylor with being a reserve vote for the biggest tax increase in history and for helping elect Tom Foley Speaker of the House.

Bob said these charges were leveled with the usual ignorance of the facts but it didn't matter to these "intellectual giants" this term used sarcastically meaning stupid - politically correct term would be "mentally challenged." Bob further alleged that any candidate chosen by the Republican Party would just be another pathetic challenger.

First, the issue of Gene Taylor being a reserve vote. Ultra liberal Democrat, Republican hating, political columnist Bill Minor broke the story in his column shortly after the vote. Is there anyone out here who would call Bill Minor a dirty rumor mangering Republican?

Second, did Gene Taylor help elect Tom Foley Speaker of the House? Please refer to House Bill HR2, you will find that Cong. Taylor indeed did vote for Tom Foley for Speaker.

The third point I would like to make is the qualifying deadline for the Congressional Primaries is not until April 7. I do not know who all will qualify before the deadline but I would not label them pathetic (Democrat or Republican) just because they are not Gene Taylor.

Finally, I have been involved in Republican politics for 15 years. I have never met Dr. Buttross or am I aware that she has been actively involved in any political campaign in the past, but I do have a friend whose judgment I trust implicitly who tells me Dr. Buttross is sensitive, compas-

Lynn Rouse 30 Pascagoula, Miss.

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Gene Taylor, once again, shows his contempt for the conservative values of Southern Mississippi.

As for the one hundred Mississippians that he would have asked if he had asked - he would have found out that we are more in-SUN HENDIG terested in the truth than playing politics. 5 APRA'

TERRY DICKSON Gautier

### Image of luxury was a poor representation

After carefully reading Carolyn M. Buttross' incredible letter, "Mississippi needs to elect a conservative," published in the March 27 edition of The Sun Herald, I first checked to see if such a person existed. I was amazed to see that she not only existed, but that she was a medical doctor, a pediatrician. Surely her medical knowledge is more accurate than her political knowledge.

She obviously does not know, for instance, that her congressman has to live in two places, the 5th Congressional District, where he garners the feel of his constituents, and at our nation's capital, where laws of government are forged. Congressman Taylor and his wife, Margaret, are buying a modest home in Bay St. Louis, and, in order to save money and to live within his budget, he sleeps either on a sofa in his office (on extremely cold nights) or on the bunk of an old trawier (referred to in Dr. Buttross' letter as a houseboat). Hardly huxury as was suggested.

South Mississippi is indeed fortunate to have a representative who has the interests of the people of his homeland (not special interest groups) at heart every time he votes in the House of Representatives. His non-partisan voting record attests to that.

It will probably take some time before we realize that the NAFTA will generally help the rich and cause the loss of countless Mississippi jobs.

Also, contrary to the way Dr. Buttross would have you believe, office-allowance money not spent is, simply put, money your government does not borrow and is a small, but very significant, step SUN toward a balanced budget.

Bay St. Louis SAPA

### ----families in America

Cone Tayle ne of the con family-oriente tople in the U.S. House of Representatives. He lives on what letter-writer Carolyn Buttross calls a "houseboat" because it is the cheapest living quarters he can afford in Washington. After returning his congressional raises in the form of scholarships to worthy Mississippi students, it is the best he can do. Besides, what is wrong with living on an old boat?

His "anti-family image" consists of a loving wife and three great kids who adore him, but give him up to Washington almost every week to work for the 5th District of Mississippi and for America. He does not support any homosexual agenda in our schools, nor did he think it wise to serve up young Americans in a war on Iraq that promised to kill up to 30,000 U.S. soldiers.

Observe the hundreds of U.S. companies rushing to build their factories in Monterrey and Guadalajara, and understand his fears for our workers because of NAFTA.

Trust one fact: If we had more financially responsible congressmen like Gene Taylor on either side of the aisle, the rest of us would not have to waste our time with liberal/conservative labels. Does "not spending more than we take in" sound sensible? Gene Taylor thinks so!

Liberal, no. Responsible, yes! O. WADE HAMPTON SUP Denton, Texas

Stop our nation from exporting these killers

I understand that at last an attempt is under way to revamp the nation's negligent pesticide laws, passed under the pressure of chemical-company lobbyists.

Of all the crazy things Congress has done, one of the most bizarre and unethical is the condoning of the manufacture and export of pesticides that are so dangerous their use is prohibited in this country for environmental reasons.

If anyone/reading this is concerned, please call or write your congressman and senator and/or Carol Browner, Secretary of the EPA, asking them to support any language which would stop the ex port of any pesticide which cannot be used in this country; and to suppool strong pesticide reduction and sustainable agriculture. **JANE P. SHARP** Pascagoula

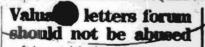
### Clintons need to keep Rostenkowski in D.C.

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Once again, Gene Taylor has sided with the liberal leadership in the House. This, time, he has supported them by keeping the Post Office scandal and the Rostenkowski embezziement charges Irom being investigated by the House Eth-ics Committee. This investigation has been on-going in the Justice Department for way too long.

This vote will keep the investigation under the jurisdiction of Janet Reno; therefore, under the control of the Clintons. The Clintons want the investigation to linger on past the election date for Congressman Rostenkowski's district. The Clintons need to have



It is certainly the right and responsibility of citizens to involve themselves in the processes by which we evaluate the performance of our elected representatives. The letters to the editor feature of a free press is a valuable forum in which to express these evaluations. However, the writer must be aware that any commentary is restricted to remain within the bounds of truth and integrity.

The recent letter from Carolyn M. Buttross of Ocean Springs is a case in point. Although entirely within her rights to question the official performance of U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor, I am offended by her spurious and unwarranted attack on his family image. The loving and caring Taylor family is an example that everyone would be well advised to emulate.

I am dismayed that The Sun Herald did not choose to exercise its journalistic responsibility and authority to edit the letter and omit the useless final paragraph. JOHN S. KOLODZIEJ Diamondhead URA

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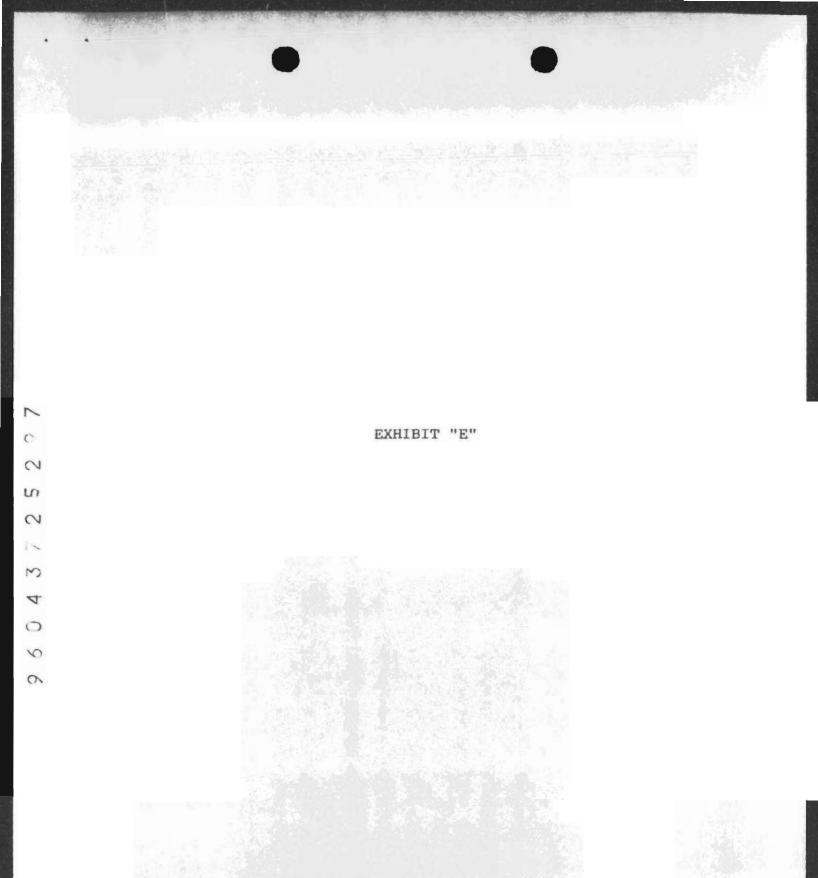
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### Children's Clinic of Ocean Springs, P.A.

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March 24, 1994

Mississippi Press Register P.O. Box 849 Pascagoula, MS 39568-0849

Dear Editor:

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Besides a phone call from Gene Taylor, his campaign published a letter signed by Attorney Krebs (long-time Taylor machine member). Taylor's call (which was rude, defensive, vicious) was so similiar to Kreb's letter, I have no doubt who prompted it.

Krebs/Taylor uses standard Clinton/Left-wing tactics:

AVOIDS ISSUES: As a women, wife, mother, my issue is that the nation gets an anti-family image of Mississippi when a Congressman leaves family, goes to Washington and lives on a boat. That's not how Mississippians live. I didn't make money or lifestyle personal issues.

DENY EVERTHING: Taylor <u>HAS</u> always elected Foley Speaker of the House. That's recorded fact. Attorney Kreb's denial of recorded truth demonstrates why there are so many lawyer jokes. Check it! While checking records, note Taylor recieved money from left-wing sources like Barbara Boxer, American Trial Lawyers and Ray Mabus.

IRRELIVANT ISSUES: Taylor donates scholarship money. I and many good and loving people donate to "scholarships"/charities on principle - not to name a charity after ourselves to influence voters. We usually are unable to manipulate huge tax deductions. We don't believe donations qualify us to be Congressmen.

Taylor (like Hillary) names "Greedy Doctors". This "Greedy Doctor" practices full-time. My "House Session" runs 50 weeks/year. Taylor's salary alone exceeds my total annual income. With perks, access to family money, campaign money, expenses, etc., Taylor is way beyond me and 99% of Mississippians. I am proud of my hardwork getting a Medical degree, before women in medicine were politically correct. I am proud of the support my earnings give to State and Community. I don't ask family to manipulate assets so I have a "politically correct" public financial statement.

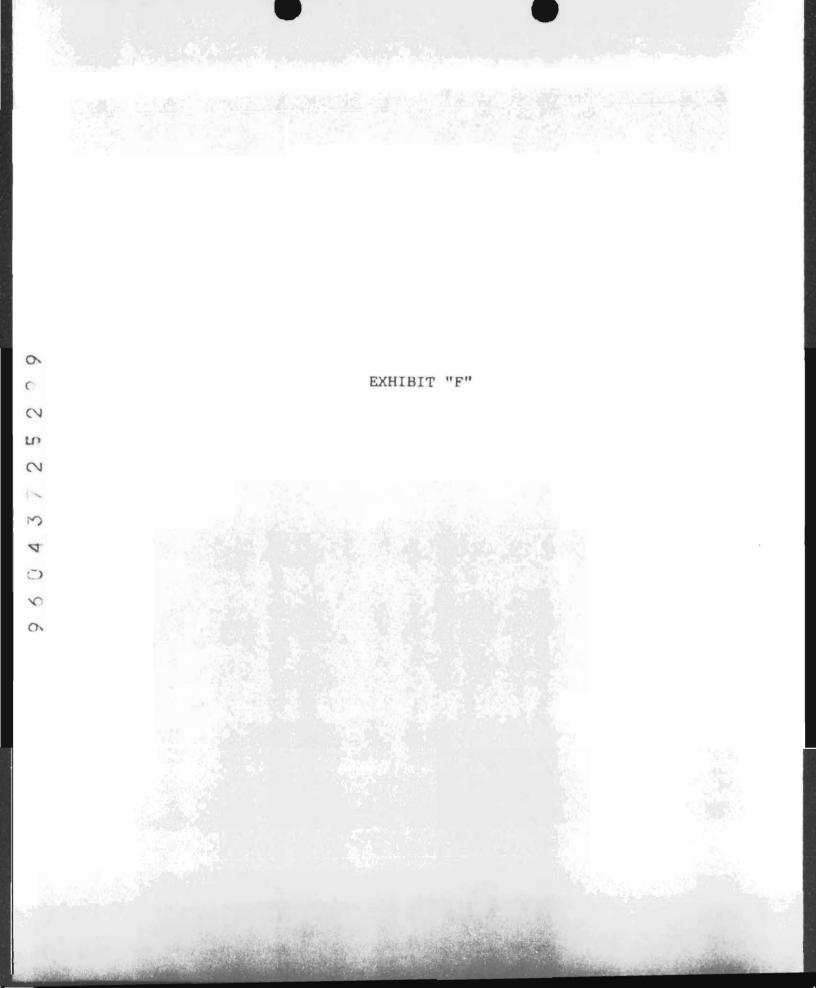
I espouse strong family philosophy. Intimidation by closet left-wingers won't change that!

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April 14, 1994

Associate Editor, Marie Harris Sun Herald P.O. Box 4567 Biloxi, MS 395354567

Dear Editor:

After I expressed concern that Gene Taylor clandestinely supports the Liberal agenda, I recieved five responses from Taylor. First, a personal phone-call. He was rude and nasty attacking my personal integrity and calling me a liar and one of those "greedy doctors". He initiated four letters-to-the-editor from cronies, all men. There was even one from OTexas, reminding me of the out-the-state letters editors have received supporting of the Sister of the Spirit Camp at Ovette. Not suprising Csince Taylor is a Louisianian and may relate to his western neighbors also. All deliberately avoided the main issue: does Taylor support DLiberal House leadership? Yes, he does. It is a matter of record! His recurring votes for Foley as Speaker of the House cannot honestly be denied.

At every campaign stop Taylor brags about giving part of his pay raise to scholarships. Many of us give to school/scholarship funds but do not demand a fund be named after us, using disadvantaged student for personal Mpublicity purposes. We certainly don't think giving to others qualifies one to be a Congressman.

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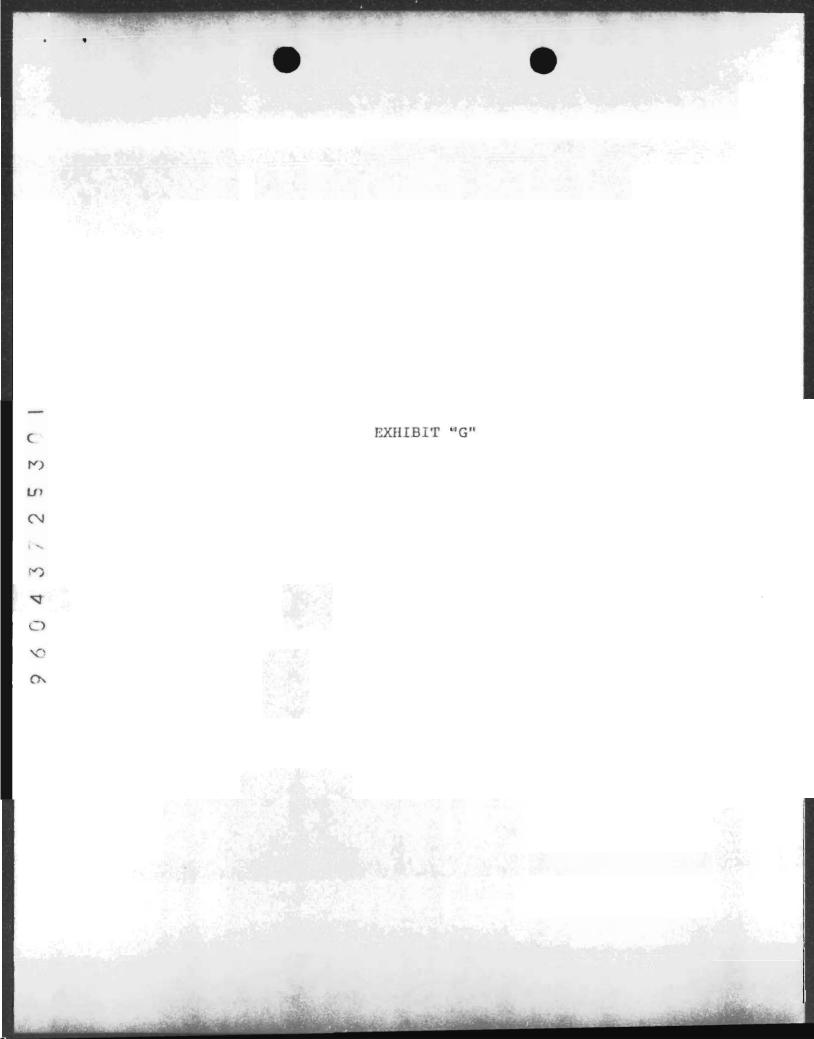
I have been a vocal supporter of pro-life, pro-family, antipornography and other traditinal values oriented groups. Even in those heated and emotional debates, I have not been so viciously attacked as I have been by Taylor and his four literary hit-men. What's next Gene, Janet Reno and her tanks?

Mississippi suffers national image problems. I am still concerned when U.S. Congressman (no matter who he is) leaves his family, goes to the big city and lives on a houseboat, it will create in most people a negative image. Our image needs more building up than that. I raised no lifestyle or behavior issues. The Taylor responses to that issue have been so intense and over-reactive, that I'm beginning to wonder.

Carolyn M. Buttross, M.D.

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# Living on a houseboat creates negative image

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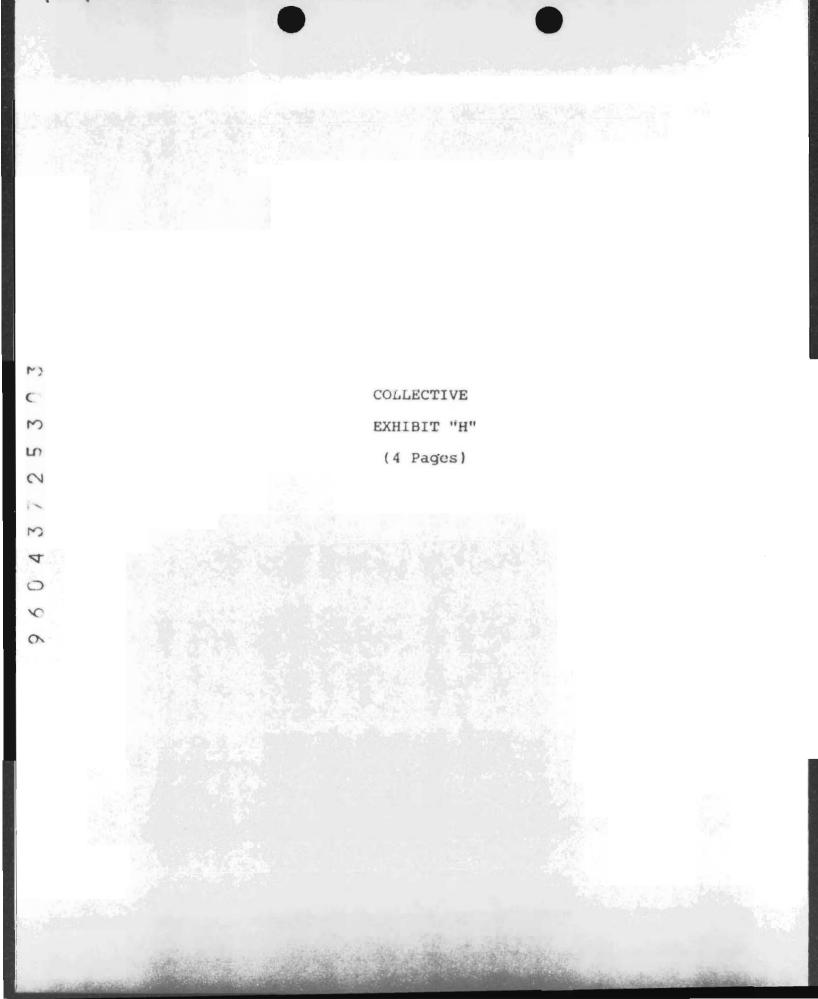
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CAROLYN M. BUTTROSS Ocean Springs SUN HEROLD



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February 28, 1990

Rep. Willlam H. Jones, Chairman House Judiciary B Committee Miss. House of Representatives P.O. Box 1018 Jackson, MS 39215-1018

### REF: "informed consent" Abortion Bill

Dear Sir:

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I feel that the purpose of laws is to protect the most vulnerable in a society from those that would exploit, abuse or murder for monetary or other personal gain. The majority in a democratic society entrusts to its lawmakers the responsibility and duty to enact such laws.

Physicians are already under many restrictions and reviews by many parties in their practice of medicine in the interest of quality and cost effectiveness. They also have training and licensing requirements, and are also obligated to abide by the legally enforced moral principles against robbery, rape and murder. I do not feel that laws ensuring basic protection to women and their children represents "telling physicians how to practice medicine."

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. Buttross M.D.

cc:Rep. Alvin Endt Rep. Danny Guice Jr.

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March 14,1990

Senator Thad Cochran U.S.Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

#### Re: N.E.A. Funding

Dear Senator Cochran:

I would like to voice my strong objection to tax dollar funding of the National Endowment for the Arts. N.E.A. has repeatedly used these funds to exhibit patently pornographic and blasphemous works.

I urge you to vote to cut out all funding to the N.E.A. to safeguard my tax dollars from this irresponsible misuse. Sincerely,

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enc: examples of how the N.E.A. uses tax dollars

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J.Edward Hill, President Miss. State Medical Association P. O. Box 247 Hollandale, MS

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I feel that the manner in which a few physicians execute their choice to perform abortions is exploitative, not only of the unborn (who is obviously destroyed), but also of the mother.

For these reasons, I am very disappointed in the Miss. State Medical Association Public pro-choice ( Pro-Abortion) stand. It reflects poorly on the dignity and integrity of every single physician.

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. Buttross' M.D.

### Carolyn M. Buttross, M.D.

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### Taylor balances public/ personal responsibility

I have had the privilege of teaching all three of Gene and Margaret Taylor's children and find it hard to believe anyone could be so misinformed as letter-writer Carolyn M. Buttross. I know of many fathers who don't have jobs out of town who spend less time with their families than Gene Taylor.

It is appreciated and well known by most people in the community the sacrifices the Taylor family goes through in order for Gene Taylor to perform his elected duties. It's quite refreshing to know and see personally the premium he puts on education. He has set up a scholarship fund for students in his district, using his own salary to do this.

The Taylors are a great model for any family trying to learn balance of quality time. They make every minute of family time count and give acute meaning to responsibility. Sum HERAK CONNIE HEITZMANNI XY DW Bay St. Louis 94

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### Saving on rent provides money for scholarships

I cannot understand why it should upset letter-writer Carolyn Buttross of Ocean Springs that Rep. Gene Taylor lives on a boat in Washington. Has she checked the rents lately in D.C.?

If Rep. Taylor had to pay the cost of an apartment he would not be able to relinquish his raises for the scholarships that she also complains about. Also these scholarships could be called by a name other than his if any other congressmen from our area would forego their raises and donate the difference toward this worthy cause.

Disagreeing with one's voting record is one thing, but to attack one's personal family life is inexcusable. I, too, think that Mr. Taylor should have voted for NAFTA; however, I have enough intellect to realize that my congressmen is in Washington hearing and seeing both sides of the story and I am not.

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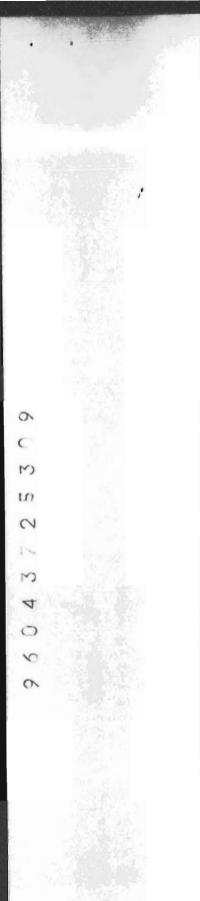
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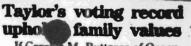
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Perhaps Ms. Buttross would like to visit Bay St. Louis and attend a school, church or social function and observe Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and their three children. If every politician in D.C. was as family-oriented as Mr. Taylor, Ms. Buttross wouldn't have to worry about her traditional values. MRS. GEORGE diBENEDETTO, Bay St. Louis San HenAld 13 MAy 94





If Carolyn M. Buttross of Ocean Springs is truly pro-life, pro-family, anti-pornography and favors other traditional values, I would think she would be in the Gene Taylor camp instead of trashing his good name. I, too, favor such values and support Congressman Taylor for that very reason. He consistently, without fail, votes to strengthen these very concepts. If one bothers to read "Roll Call" in each Sunday's Sun Herald, which lists congressional votes, one will realize that what I have said is factual.

What is the big deal about where Congressman Taylor lives in Washington, D.C.? I can assure Ms. Buttross that the fact that he lives on a houseboat presents no image problem for Mississippi, and to state otherwise is absurd. I personally think that his attempt to economize and cut back on expenses attests to Congressman Taylor's thriftiness — something we could use a lot of in Congress.

I can't understand why Ms. Buttross is so concerned that Congressman Taylor's family continues to reside here in Mississippi while he is in Washington. Perhaps his family wishes to remain here in a safer, cleaner environment. What sane man would want to move his family from the safe confines of the Mississippi Gulf Coast to the crime-infested city of Washington, D.C.? As a husband and father of two small children. I certainly wouldn't want my family living under those conditions.

Ms. Buttross obviously believes that everyone who writes a letter to this forum on behalf of Congressman Taylor is a crony. I not only deny being a crony but I have never met Mr. Taylor. I do, however, admire and respect him and am proud of the image he portrays LARRY LADNER Sur Biloxi

### THA SUNHERALD

### It's terrific to have a frugal congressman

I recall when Gene Taylor first ran for Congress. He was definitely an underdog. I didn't think he had a chance because he refused special-interest campaign funding, and his opponent's campaign chest was 10 or 20 times larger.

I was surprised when Taylor won, and was delighted that we had a congressman who resisted having his votes bought. One of the biggest problems with the government today is that many congressmen don't vote for what is best for their constituents and the nation as a whole, but vote in favor of the wealthy special-interest groups that finance their campaigns.

Now Taylor has been under attack in the letters to the editor column because instead of throwing away money on the high rents in Washington, D.C., he either sleeps on a sofa in his office or on a fishing trawler. He's also been criticized as anti-family because he doesn't want to inake his wife and children live in the inurder capitol of the world instead of on the Coast. I had a friend who lived within a

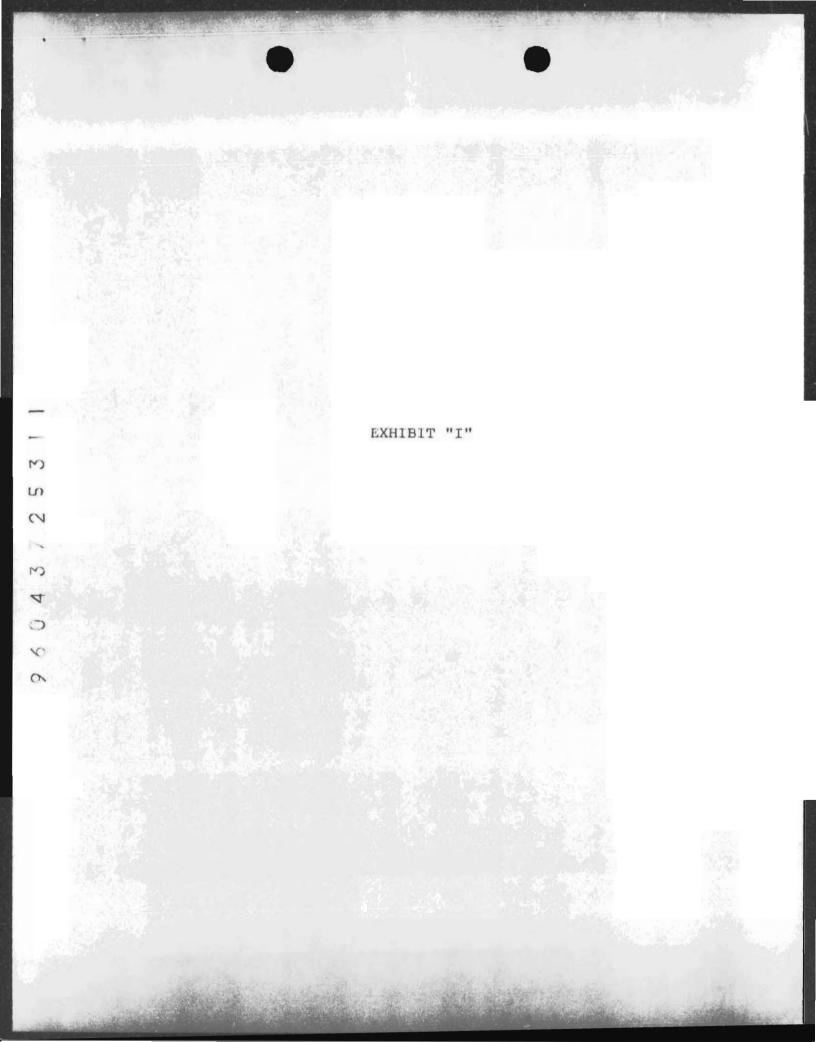
I had a friend who lived within a mile of the White House. She had to pay \$1,200 per month for a onebedroom apartment, and when she went out to work in the morning, had to make noise to get the sleeping homeless people to move out of her car. The car couldn't be kept locked, or else the homeless people would break the windows to get in! Public schools there have serious gang, drug and violence problems, and private schools are extremely expensive. No wonder the Taylors prefer Coast schools.

What in the world is wrong with being a frugal congressman who doesn't waste money? If we had more of that kind of thinking in Washington, we wouldn't have a deficit growing at a rate that threatens to bankrupt our economy.

What's wrong with thinking the Coast is a better environment to raise a family than Washington?

The fact is this controversy isn't about Rep. Taylor living on a boat. It's about rich Republicans looking for a way to oust one of the few congressmen who votes for the interests of people who aren't rich and powerful.

BECKY GILLETTE Ocean Springs



Sunday, August 7, 1995 Hattleaburg AMERICAN 3A

### DOCTOR CAROLYN BUTTROS DEFENSE LEAGUE

#### Dear Jellow Citizens,

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On March 10, 1994, my wife, Doctor Carolyn Buttross was telephoned by Representative Gene Taylor. He subjected her to an angry verbal personal attack, whereby he accused her of lying, of having poor sense, and being "just one of those greedy doctors,"



simply because she disagreed with him in a letter to the editor. Then followed an unending series of letters to editors, each with its own personal attack. These usually addressed her as 24s. Buttross, enging to hide her credibility as a pediatrician, an expert in the problems of children, including problems caused by absentee parents.

I love my wife. She is a wonderful woman and a five doctor and she deserves to be defended from such senseless attacks. I do not have the influence of a Representative nor the wealth of the Taylor family. The only way I know how to do this is to tell you the esuth about her ... and about Gene Taylor ... this I will do.

Sincerely,

Donald & Booth, M.D., J.A.C.S

For further information please call 601-875-0401 PAID FOR BY THE DOCTOR CAROLYN BUTTROSS DEFENSE LEAGUE COLLECTIVE EXHIBIT "J" (2 pages)

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# Man uses \$100 campaign sign to 'fire' Taylor from Congress

#### By ALICE JACKSON BAUGHN THE SUN HERALD

Thousands of people in the cars zipping past Ken Grove's beachfront home on Friday craned their necks, eyeballing the 4-by-8-foot sign in his front yard.

One of U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor's own 1992 campaign signs is planted there. But spray painted across its surface is a huge red circle crossed with a slash, the international symbol for no.

"I was one of his constituents, and I fired him," said Long Beach resident Grove, the owner of "a small, oneman band" refrigeration business.

The 60-year-old semi-retiree says Keesler Air Force Base awarded him a work contract in July 1991, but "18 hours into the contract they called me up to cancel."

Grove wanted the government to pay him \$8,500 for their cancellation, which was his bid price, so he asked Taylor's office to intercede.

When the money wasn't forthcoming, Grove painted his displeasure across the Taylor sign that's been in his garage since the last election.

A lawyer for Taylor's campaign committee 'asked Grove to remove

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the sign. Grove refused, and the attorney threatened a lawsuit.

Taylor said his office contacted the Air Force Inspector General's office three times for Grove in the last year.

"Their reply, which I've come to accept as being the proper thing, is that it was not a contract but a purchase order, and since no labor was performed nor any supplies purchased in order to fulfill that purchase order, they said the Air Force was under no obligation," Taylor said.

According to letters from the Inspector General's office to Taylor's staff, Keesler canceled the work after it was determined to be unfeasible.

Grove contends the job was awarded to another bidder, according to information he obtained through the federal Freedom of Information Act.

Taylor said he's concerned that Grove's use of the sign may cause problems with federal regulations stipulating no campaign funds can.be used for personal reasons.

But will the campaign committee sue Grove to get back the \$100 sign?

Said Taylor: "How do I get a sign that's clearly the property of the congressional campaign back? I can't let that sign be used for personal purposes."

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### LETTER

# LB Man Says Taylor Sign To Stay Put

#### DEAR EDITOR:

Fm writing to let you know that Fm being sued by U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor because of the four-foot by eight-foot sign in my front yard.

I crected the sign to express my outrage at Taylor's arrogance and ineffective treatment of my problems. Taylor recently had his lawyer send me a letter threatening a lawsuit. But I will not be intimidated by him or anyone else. The sign stays!

There a Constitutional right to express my opinion about Taylor's poor performancel

Not only am I fed-up with his treatment of me, I'm also angry about his behind the scenes helping of liberals while he claims to be conservative. I will not be fooled into voting for him this time! Taylor and his image makers want us to believe he is just a good ol' boy from Mississippi, when the fact is he is *Mean Gene'* from Louisiana. There is a lot we don't know about this man. More and more Mississippians are finding out the truth

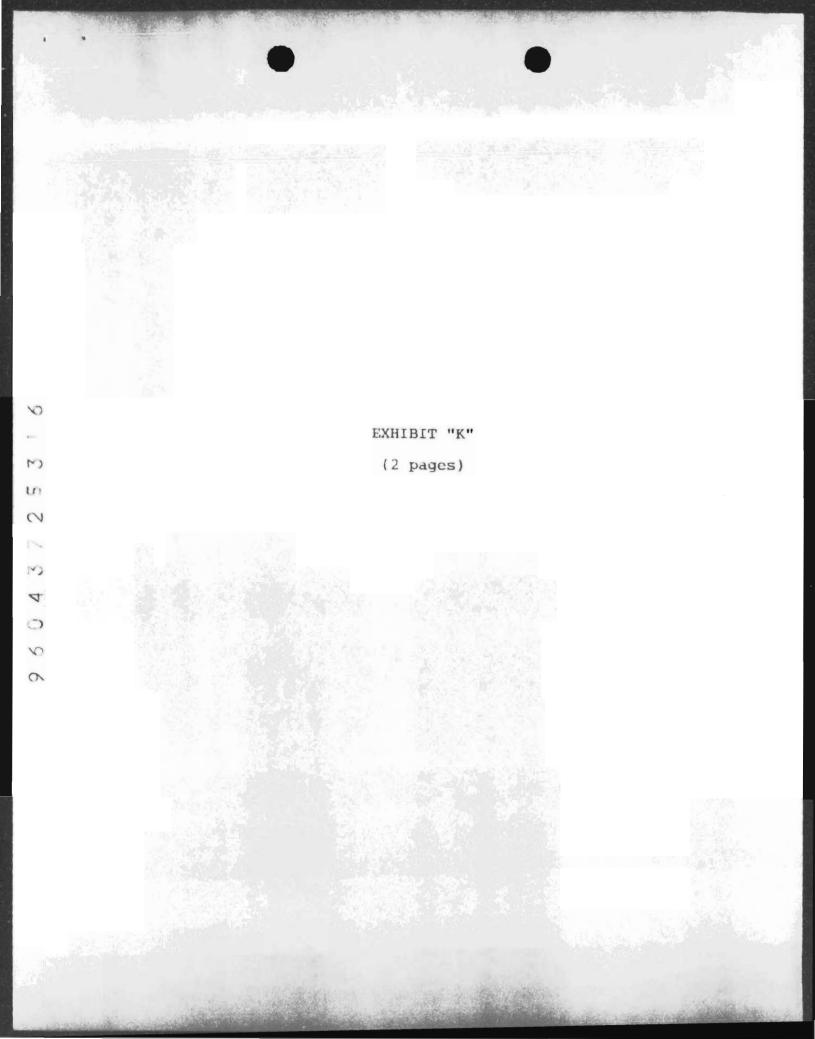
If you have any questions at all regarding Taylor's latest attack on one of his , constituents, then please call me at 868-3040.

> Sincerely, KEN GROVE Long Beach



THE BOOSTER, TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1994, 7

GROVE POSES WITH 'TAYLOR' SIGN HE'S ERECTED IN HIS FRONT YARD.



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### AFFIDAVIT OF DR. DONALD J. BOOTH

 My name is Dr. Donald J. Booth, and I am a surgeon in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. The information set forth in this Affidavit is made on personal knowledge.

2. I practice medicine at 19 Marks Road, which is comprised of three offices. I pay rent for these offices. Two of the offices are utilized by me and my medical practice. I have, over the last few years, allowed my colleague and fellow surgeon, Dr. William Kennerly, use of the office free of charge. For approximately two weeks in March 1994, I allowed George Barlos periodic use of this office after conferring with Dr. Kennerly.

3. I have entered into a separate lease agreement with George Barlos regarding a residential rental property that I own. It my understanding that Mr. Barlos stays in the house when he is making appearances on the Coast. The agreement provides for payment at the conclusion of the Barlos campaign. I expect payment in full from Mr. Barlos pertaining to this rental agreement.

Further, Affiant sayeth not.

THIS the 16th day of september, 1994.

DR.

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PERSONALLY CAME AND APPEARED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority for the aforesaid jurisdiction, Dr. Donald J. Booth, who after being duly sworn on oath, states that the matters and things set forth in the above and foregoing Affidavit are true and correct as therein stated, and where stated on information and belief, he believes the same to be true.

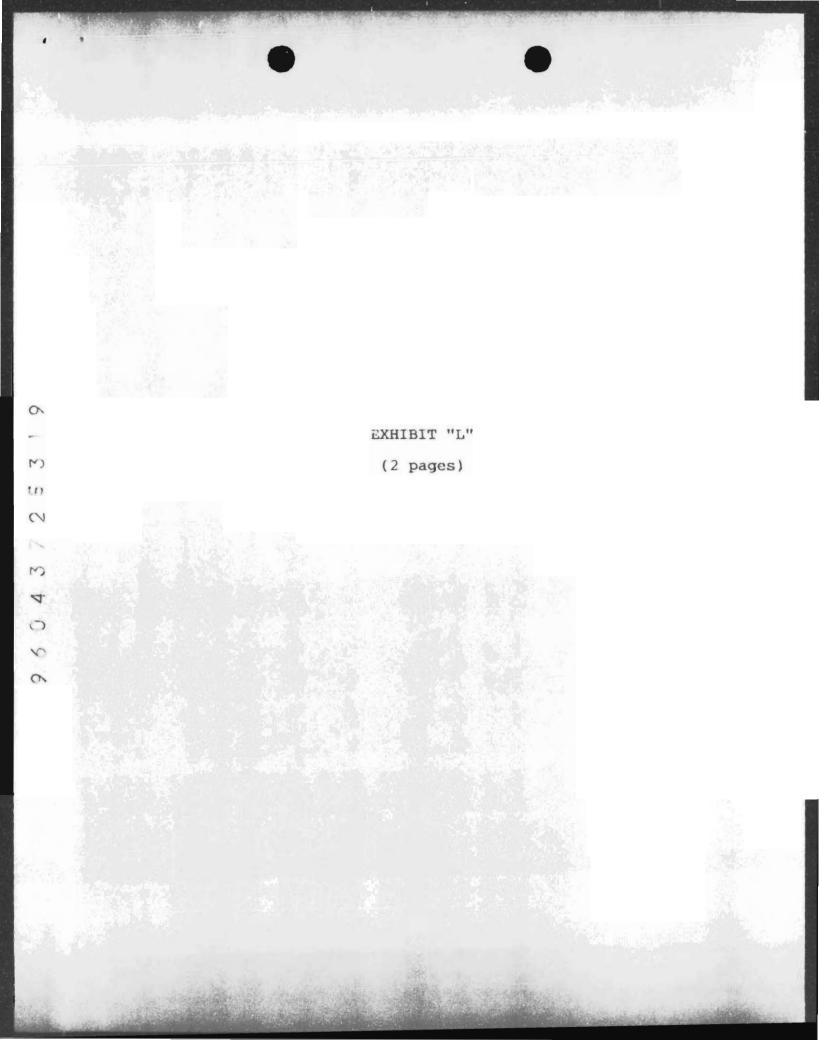
DR. DONALD J. BOOTH

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 16th day of August , 1994.

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### AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES N. COMPTON

 My name is James N. Compton. I am a resident of Biloxi, Mississippi. I am competent to testify as to matters herein.

2. I am a part owner of the office building which houses my law firm Compton, Crowell and Hewitt, as well as other space which is rented out from time to time.

3. From August, 1990, until November 1990, and prior to my disillusionment with Gene Taylor, I allowed him and the Taylor campaign the use of one of our vacant offices for his 1990 election. No charge for the use of the office space was made or offered. Following the Taylor campaign, we rented the office for \$350.00 a month.

4. For a long time, various people have expressed their unhappiness with Gene Taylor, either vocally or visually. These may be sometime around the time of the election, but since Congressional elections are every two years, any time you criticize Gene Taylor, it is not too far from an election. I do not see Dr. Booth's signs as relating to this election. They are part of the unhappiness that will continue irrespective of the election cycle.

Further, Affiant sayeth not. THIS the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_September\_, 1994.

JAMES N. COMPTON

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 19th day of Septembre, 1994.

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September 23, 1994

ATTN: Mary L. Taksar Office of General Counsel Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: MUR 4047 Our File Number: 446-001

Dear Ms. Taksar:

Enclosed please find four (4) additional pages of letters to the editor, which I would appreciate you adding as exhibits to the response filed on behalf of The Carolyn Buttross Defense League and Dr. Donald J. Booth. I also enclose a letter from Representative Gene Taylor and an article about Representative Taylor wanting to sue for libel because of Dr. Buttross.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Peter C. Abide For the Firm of Counsel to Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc. and Dr. Donald J. Booth

PCA/tlo Attachments cc; Dr. Donald J. Booth

# Taylor uses left-wing tactic

### To the Editor:

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Besides a phone call from Gene Taylor, his campaign published a letter signed by Attorney Krebs (long-time Taylor machine member). Taylor's call (which was rude, defensive, vicious) was so similar to Kreb's letter, I have no doubt who prompted it.

Krebs/Taylor uses standard Clinton/left-wing tactics:

AVOIDS ISSUES: As a women, wife, mother, my issue is that the nation gets an anti-family image of Mississippi when a Congressman leaves family, goes to Washington and lives on a boat. That's not how Mississippians live. I didn't make money or lifestyle personal issues.

DENY EVERYTHING: Taylor HAS always elected Foley Speaker of the House. That's recorded fact. Attorney Kreb's denial of recorded truth demonstrates why there are so many lawyer jokes. Check it! While checking records, note Taylor received money from left-wing sources like Barbara Boxer, American Trial Lawyers and Ray Mabus.

IRRELEVANT ISSUES: Taylor donates scholarship money. I and many good and loving people donate to "scholarships"/charities on principle` not to name a charity after ourselves to influence voters. We usually are unable to manipulate huge tax deductions...

Taylor (like Hillary) names "greedy doctors." This "greedy doctor" practices full-time. My "house session" runs 50 weeks/year. Taylor's salary alone exceeds my total annual income. With perks, access to family money, campaign money, expenses, etc., Taylor is way beyond me and 99% of Mississippians.

I am proud of my hard work getting a medical degree, before women in medicine were politically correct. I am proud of the support my earnings give to state and community. I don't ask family to manipulate assets so I have a "politically correct" public financial statement.

I espouse strong family philosophy. Intimidation by closet left-wingers won't change that!

> C.M. Buttross, M.D. Ocean Springs, Miss.

### Taylor merely their pawn

To the Editor:

Mr. Maxwell's 1/27/94 "response" to my letter regarding Taylor's support for Clinton and the liberals who control Congress wildly misses my point.

Being a Republican or Democrat is not the issue. Taylor's hard work to get Clinton into the

White House and his series of votes electing ultraliberals to control our Congress is the issue.

Our socialist president and the liberal-elite in Congress set the agenda in Washington, not Taylor. He is merely their pawn. Clinton and Foley use him, Taylor lets them do it 1t's an indisputible fact that Taylor helps keep liberals in power who want to raise our taxes, put gays in the military, federally fund abortions, and continue Welfare.

In exchange Taylor receives huge amounts of special interest PAC money. (Public Record, Sec. of State's Office, Jackson.) It's directed to Taylor by the Liberal Leadership. If Taylor was a "thorn in their side" liberals would not send money.

Taylor is completely at odds with his own constituents on many other crucial issues:

\* Taylor voted with liberals against Desert Storm.

\* He voted to keep Barney Frank in Congress despite Frank's homosexual prostitution ring scandal.

\* Like liberals, Taylor opposes term limits for politicians.

\* Taylor bounced \$3,000 in checks during the House banking scandal.

Outrageously, Taylor also allows liberals to use him as a "reserve" vote. On crucial votes he'll wait until the last minute. If liberals don't need him, they let him off. An example of this classic liberal deception was Taylor's vote on the Clinton tax plan...

> Ken Grove Long Beach, Miss.

## Questions Taylor's motives

To the Editor:

I am outraged! I have been hearing and reading about how Cong. Gene Taylor makes great sacrifices to give his pay raises toward scholarships. And now, I have found out that he has been misleading us and using this to buy votes.

When Mr. Taylor first claimed he would give his pay raises to scholarships, he was making \$89,000 per year. His pay was increased to \$133,600. This means that he was claiming to give to scholarships, \$44,600.

According to HIS office, that is not how he spends the pay raise. They told me that out of that \$44,600, he pays his taxes which are approximately 25 percent or \$33,400. This leaves only \$11,200 to go toward his retirement fund and then to scholarships. And to top it all, the fraction of his pay raise that actually goes to scholarships is fully tax deductible.

I think it is despicable for him to deceive us into believing that he gave his pay raise to scholarships when he did not.

What else has Cong. Taylor misled us about in order to get our votes?

Chris Stacey Ocean Springs, Miss.



# Backs Clinton-like politics

### To the Editor:

As the current Congressional race is progressing, I have noticed a great similarity between this race and the 1992 presidential race.

As we recall, Bill Clinton claimed to be a new Democrat with conservative or, at least, middle of the road ideologies. He made promises and claims to get elected which we now know were lies and misrepresentations. He has continued this policy since he was elected, and we can now see our country declining.

The incumbent in the 5th Congressional District continues this same type of campaign to get reelected. He has made claims of accomplishments that he is not responsible for and he has lied to us to get re-elected. He lied to us about supporting the Homeport, he lied to us about NAFTA (he supported the unions and the liberals), he lied to us about the 1993 budget bill (he held his vote in reserve both times), he lied to us about the A-to-Z bill (he refuses to sign the discharge petition), he lied to us about being a conservative when he supports and is supported by liberals such as Rostenkowski, Al Gore, Barney Franks and Tom Foley.

And, the worst lie of all is about giving all of his pay raises to scholarships the lied about it, then uses it for campaign purposes and tax credits).

If we take the past as an omen for the future,

the incumbent can be counted on to continue his Clinton-like politics and will keep us on the path of his supporting Clinton and the liberals. Tom Gaskell Vancleave, Miss.

# Taylor should obtain better living quarters

I was shocked after reading the article in The Sun Herald, "Lofty living not for all lawmakers," describing where Rep. Taylor lives when he is in Washington.

The article reported that Rep. Taylor lives on a fishing trawler at a marina on the Anacostia River, where, this year, there is a foul smell decaying, dead fish, now thawing after a hard winter freeze.

Rep. Taylor, the article relates, recently spent a mere \$35 on a party for House aides and military brass by serving barbecued chicken and beer at his place. I can imagine the opinion formed by the invited guests about our representative when they were eating chicken and smelling dead fish!

Let us look at the high position in the U.S. government Mr. Taylor holds. The taxpayers of this country are paying members of Congress a hefty \$133,600 annually. This doesn't include the other allowances they receive. It is understood by the American people a portion of this pay is to be used by members of Congress to live in the

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area of Washington where their job calls for them to be, and to live in a decent residence commensurate with their positio:, and status.

I am confident the majority of the citizens of Mississippi expect members of our congressional delegation to reside in a decent residence with their family members, and not to live in the manner the Honorable Gene Taylor is living in Washington, on an old fishing trawler in the midst of decaying, dead fish on the Anacostia River, a do-ityourself place for good old boys.

As I am an independent voter, I am not in the political camp of anyone; therefore, my concern that Rep. Taylor lives on a fishing trawler isn't because he is a Democrat, or about his voting record.

My concern is the fact Mr. Taylor is a United States congressman and in my judgment he shouldn't live, nor does he have to live, with the \$133,600 annual salary he receives, on a fishing trawler under the conditions as described in the article, and I am confident the majority of the citizens of Mississippi will agree.

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Lt. Col. Vernon E. Wilson 353 Oakridge Circle Biloxi, Mississippi 39531

Dear Vernon:

Thanks for your most recent letter and your "letters to the editor." I want to especially thank you for bringing my frugal Washington lifestyle to the public's attention.

I have to admit that I was afraid that no one was noticing my scrimping and saving. Thanks to you and your effort this is now common knowledge and has resulted in my already good polling numbers getting even better.

I also want to thank you for offering to bring my scholarship program to the public's attention. After all, I did vote against the pay raise and will soon have helped almost a hundred young people go to school on what would have been my pay raise. The \$14,000 or so that I give away probably is not much money to a wealthy man like you, but it's still more money than many South Mississippians take home after an entire year of work.

Unfortunately, the press rarely covers good deeds - so thanks for doing that for me. I often find it so ironic that the people who condone Senator Lott for voting for and accepting a pay raise criticize me for being generous with mine. I am sure that you agree that this is something that I need to bring to the public's attention during this year's campaign.

Again, thank you for your efforts on my behalf. Because of you and other good people like you I am confident that the public will allow me to continue to serve them.

Sincerely

GENE TAYLOR Member of Congress

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# 'Tis the season for campaign tricks

With the November elections bearing down, and some predicting that the Democratic Party

willord up with a bloody . and congressional races The rostrum in evice is our own Fifth District contest between Democratic incumbent Gene Taylor and Republican George Barlos.

While Barlos has been scratching for attention over the last several months, Taylor has been trying to distance himself Rob from the political albatross that is Bill Clinton. At the same time, Barlos has been

rying just as hard to show that Taylor, despite :he rhetoric that he's not anyone's "boy," helps see the Clinton/Mitchell/Foley machine eating to taxpayer dollars at record pace. The stratemust be working, because this past week, aylor and the Democrats came out swingng with a complaint of campaign violations by Barlos.

Filed in Washington by the Democratic Conressional Campaign Committee (DCCC), this complaint alleges, among other things, that Baros received excessive contributions from Ocean Springs physician Donald Booth. They came to this conclusion because Barlos listed a \$3.850 iebt to Booth for use of an office. Booth, who iften lets others use the tiny office free of charge, was unaware Barlos even intended to pay him. it seems to be a fairly innocent situation, but the DCCC chose to file a complaint with the Feder-Lection Commission (FEC) anyway.

Of course Taylor's people deny having any-

thing to do with this complaint. A spokesperson said the DCCC decided to file the complaint without even consulting them. That's a rich one.

In talking with the FEC, I was told such complaints are a fairly common trick during election time. Sometimes politicians even announce they are going to file a complaint, then don't follow up. (Imagine, a politician not following up.) In this case, though, the complaint was actually filed.

This marks a distinct change in Taylor's approach to Barlos' candidacy. Before that, Gene chose to ignore his opponent and let him twist in the winds of obscurity. The DCCC complaint was a bad move because of its petty nature and the media exposure it gives Barlos. Any opportunity Barlos gets to remind people that Taylor is a Democrat in Republican clothing is an opportunity to win votes.

The reason for the Democratic attack on the Barlos campaign has a great deal to do with the relationship between Dr. Booth, his wife Dr. Carolyn Buttross and the Congressman from Bay St. Louis. Taylor is extremely upset with Buttross and her letters-to-the-editor campaign against him. Booth even set up the "Carolyn Buttross Defense Fund" after Taylor allegedly called his wife and "blessed her out." The "defense fund" has taken to placing billboards and signs around the district which link Taylor with Bill Clinton and Congress' Democratic leadership.

While the "defense fund" may be a tongue-incheek poke at President Bill's own legal problems. Taylor isn't laughing.

This became very clear when I was interviewing Taylor a couple of months ago about his decision not to support the "A to Z" spending reduction plan. Gene launched into a tirade, boohooing about how unfair The Mississippi Press was being by running the story.

He went on to say we had libeled him by running Buttross' letters and that he had consulted lawyers about suing the newspaper. (Apparently he forgot that a Congressman winning a libel suit is about as rare as Bill Clinton sticking with a foreign policy decision. Almost never happens.) What Taylor's outburst showed is that Buttross' letters and Barlos' hammering have gotten under his political skin.

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On the "A to Z" front, Barlos has continued to attack Taylor for not supporting the bill on which he is a co-sponsor. This week, Cong. Bill Zeliff, R-NH, came to the Coast to help Barlos further pin Taylor's ears back on this issue. It is interesting to note that Gene won't help get the measure onto the House floor, even though it would greatly increase the power of Congressmen to cut pork from the budget. Most of Taylor's excuses for not signing on seem a bit lame. giving credence to Barlos' claim that he is kowtowing to the Democratic leaders in Congress.

Oddly enough, in a campaign that has stressed Taylor's faults almost as much as it has Barlos' conservative values, the Congressman's "Achilles Heel" has not vet been tweaked. When he originally ran for the office. Gene vowed he would not accept Political Action Committee (PAC) money. These days he is a virtual "PACman," gobbling up checks from various and sundry sources. (So much for his not being anvone's "boy.")

Look for that to become part of the political fire fight as we near November and the election positioning continues.

Rob Holbert is a city hall and police reporter for The Mississippi Press. His column appears on Thursdays and Sundays.



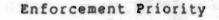
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GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

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This report is the General Counsel's Report to recommend that the Commission no longer pursue the identified lower priority and stale cases under the Enforcement Priority System.

### II. CASES RECOMMENDED FOR CLOSING

A. Cases Not Warranting Further Pursuit Relative to Other Cases Pending Before the Commission

A critical component of the Priority System is identifying those pending cases that do not warrant the further expenditure of resources. Each incoming matter is evaluated using Commission-approved criteria and cases that, based on their rating, do not warrant pursuit relative to other pending cases are placed in this category. By closing such cases, the Commission is able to use its limited resources to focus on more important cases.

Having evaluated incoming matters, this Office has identified 10 cases which do not warrant further pursuit relative to the other pending cases.<sup>1</sup> A short description of each case and the factors leading to assignment of a relatively

<sup>1.</sup> These matters are: MUR 4165 (Attachment 2); MUR 4187 (Attachment 3); MUR 4188 (Attachment 4); MUR 4199 (Attachment 5); MUR 4211 (Attachment 6); MUR 4212 (Attachment 7); MUR 4216 (Attachment 8); MUR 4224 (Attachment 9); MUR 4243 (Attachment 10); MUR 4245 (Attachment 11).

low priority and consequent recommendation not to pursue each case is attached to this report. See Attachments 2-11. As the Commission requested, this Office has attached the responses to the complaints for the externally-generated matters and the referrals for matters referred by the Reports Analysis Division in instances where this information was not previously circulated. See Attachments 2-11.

### B. Stale Cases

Investigations are severely impeded and require relatively more resources when the activity and evidence are old. Consequently, the Office of General Counsel recommends that the Commission focus its efforts on cases involving more recent activity. Such efforts will also generate more impact on the current electoral process and are a more efficient allocation of our limited resources. To this end, this Office has identified 33 cases that

warrant further investment of significant Commission resources.<sup>2</sup>

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		941-34 (Attachment 14); RAD 94NF-10	
		94NF-13 (Attachment 16); MUR 4027	
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Since the recommendation not to pursue the identified cases is based on staleness, this Office has not prepared separate narratives for these cases. As the Commission requested, the responses to the complaints for the externally-generated matters and the referrals for the internally-generated matters are attached to the report in instances where this information was not previously circulated. See Attachments 12-44.

This Office recommends that the Commission exercise its prosecutorial discretion and no longer pursue the cases listed below in Section III.A and III.B effective February 13, 1996. By closing the cases effective February 13, 1996, CED and the Legal Review Team will respectively have the additional time necessary for preparing the closing letters and the case files for the public record.

#### III. RECOMMENDATIONS

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A. Decline to open a MUR and close the file effective February 13, 1996 in the following matters:

1)	PM 3	808
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B. Take no action, close the file effective February 13, 1996, and approve the appropriate letter in the following matters:

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1)	MUR	4027
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### BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Enforcement Priority

Agenda Document #X96-13

### CORRECTED CERTIFICATION

I, Marjorie W. Emmons, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by votes of 4-0 to take the following action in the above-captioned matter:

- A. Decline to open a MUR and close the file effective March 5, 1996, in the following matters:
  - 1) PM 308 2) RAD 94L-29 3) RAD 94L-34 4) RAD 94NF-10 5) RAD 94NF-13
- B. Take no action, close the file effective March 5, 1996, and approve appropriate letter in the following matters:

1)	MUR	4027
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Commissioners Aikens, Elliott, McDonald, and Thomas voted affirmatively on the above-noted decisions. Commissioner McGarry was not present.

Attest:

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Marjorie W. Emmons Secretary of the Commission



March 7, 1996

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Judith L. Corley, Esquire Perkins Coie 607 14th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005-2011

**RE: MUR 4047** 

Dear Ms. Corley:

On August 29, 1994, the Federal Election Commission received the complaint you filed on behalf of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act").

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion to take no action in the matter. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on March 5, 1996. This matter will become part of the public record within 30 days.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

many R. Jaksar (7BH)

Mary L. Taksar, Attorney Central Enforcement Docket

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March 7, 1996

Elaine Barlos, Treasurer George Barlos for Congress 1902 20th Avenue #A Gulfport, MS 39501

### RE: MUR 4047

Dear Ms. Barlos:

On September 1, 1994, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion to take no action against George Barlos for Congress and you, as treasurer. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on March 5, 1996.

The confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record prior to receipt of your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record when received.

If you have any questions, please contact the Central Enforcement Docket at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

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March 7, 1996

George Barlos 138 Buccaneer Drive Hattiesburg, MS 39402

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Dear Mr. Barlos:

On September 1, 1994, the Federal Election Commission notified you of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion to take no action against you. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on March 5, 1996.

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March 7, 1996

Peter C. Abide, Esquire Compton, Crowell and Hewitt 146 Porter Avenue P.O. Drawer 1937 Biloxi, MS 39533-1937

> RE: MUR 4047 Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc. Donald Booth, M.D.

Dear Mr. Abide:

On September 1, 1994, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc., and Donald Booth, M.D., of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with that notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion to take no action against Dr. Carolyn Buttross Defense League, Inc. and Donald Booth, M.D. This case was evaluated objectively relative to other matters on the Commission's docket. In light of the information on the record, the relative significance of the case, and the amount of time that has elapsed, the Commission determined to close its file in this matter on March 5, 1996.

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If you have any questions, please contact the Central Enforcement Docket at (202) 219-3400.

Sincerely,

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