

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 2, 2009

Senator Daniel Inouye
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
S-131, The Capitol

Senator Thad Cochran
Vice-Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Inouye and Vice-Chairman Cochran,

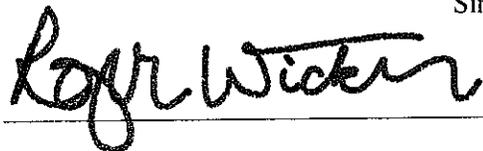
We ask for your support of important and longstanding pro-life provisions that have been included in appropriations bills for many years. Often referred to as pro-life riders, these provisions are included in legislation reported by the Appropriations Committee each year.

We understand these critical pro-life policies may become contentious in the upcoming appropriations process. As you know, for many years pro-life measures have been added to the various appropriations bills to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used to promote or perform abortion, protect the consciences of health care professionals, and prevent funding for unethical human embryo experiments.

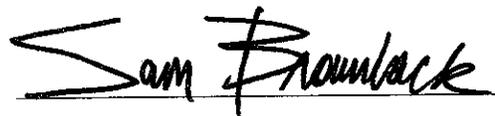
Some of these measures have been in place for over thirty years. For example, the Hyde Amendment was enacted in 1976 under a Democratic Congress and has been renewed by each administration and congress since then, regardless of party control. Members of both parties have expressed strong support for these measures, which reflect the moral concerns of many Americans.

We respectfully request that the pro-life riders be included in any legislation reported by the Appropriations Committee. We believe that failure to include all of the current policies with regard to the sanctity to life would be a mistake. Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Royce Wicker



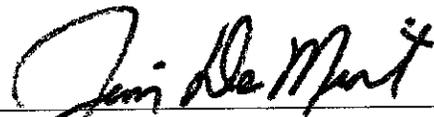
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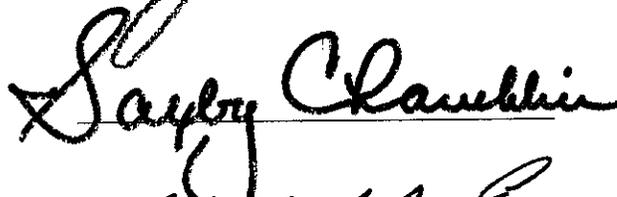
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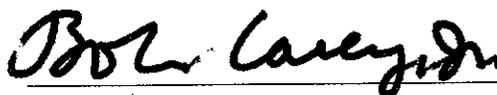
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