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The Honorable Barney Frank
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on the Constitution
2210 Rayburn H.O.B.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Barney:

My staff has just informed me that the minority has not requested that any medical experts be invited to testify on the effects of anesthesia during a partial-birth abortion, the subject of Thursday's hearing before the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

As you know, the claim that anesthesia administered to a mother kills her unborn child before a partial-birth abortion has begun has been disseminated throughout the country by Kate Michelman of the National Abortion Rights Action League, Dr. Mary Campbell of Planned Parenthood, and the National Abortion Federation. Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Federation represent hundreds of abortion providers. Surely one of their experts is willing to defend their claims. I find it disturbing that there is not a single medical expert to defend this claim which has been so prominent in the attacks on H.R. 1833.

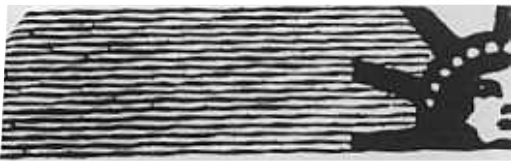
In accordance with Committee procedures, I expect that I will receive the testimony of the minority's witnesses today. If you are able to find a witness with medical credentials, I would be happy to extend the deadline for that witness's testimony to 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,



Charles T. Canady
Chairman
Subcommittee on the Constitution

NARAL Promoting Reproductive Choices



March 15, 1996

The Honorable Henry J. Hyde
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
2138 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Hyde:

Thank you for offering me the opportunity to testify on March 21, 1996 before the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

I regret that I will be unable to testify before the Subcommittee due to a previous commitment located outside of the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Michelman".

Kate Michelman

cc: The Honorable Barney Frank

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Committee on the Judiciary
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**Oversight Hearing: "Fetal Death" or Dangerous Deception?
The Effects Of Anesthesia During A Partial-Birth Abortion**

2141 Rayburn House Office Building

Thursday, March 21, 1996

9:00 a.m.

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