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Dear Friend

The closing days of a political campaign often find candidates overstating and mistating in an effort to win votes.

I was not surprised to learn that my primary opponent has engaged in a last-minute telephone effort attacking me.

But I was shocked to learn that he has chosen to call my friends in Right-to-Life and try to convince them that I now favor abortion. His callers say that they have irrefutable evidence of my support of abortion and would send it but don't have the time to get it in the mail before the election.

This type of negative campaigning infuriates me and particularly because it involves the issue of abortion.

My record of opposition to abortion on demand has been public record for eight years. Long before my opponent moved to this district I worked closely with Springfield Right-to-Life and served as master of ceremonies at the annual banquet. As recently as this January I was honored to serve again as Master of Ceremonies at the Annual Observance in the State Capitol for the fifth time. I have never seen my primary opponent at any of these events and he did not join the other candidate who came forward for life this January at the Capitol.

I oppose abortion on demand

I support the Hatch Federalism Amendment which has been endorsed by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

I need your help on Tuesday and I would appreciate it if you would share this message with friends who believe that abortion on demand must end in this nation.

Thank you for your loyal and continued support

Yours truly,
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