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Dear Prolife Friend,

It's time to "*pull the curtain back*" on partial birth abortion!

Not only is this late-term abortion procedure one of the greatest crimes against humanity in existence today, it is also one of the best kept secrets in America. Throughout the land, there are powerful, well-funded forces that continue to shroud partial birth abortion (**PBA**) in secrecy—including pro-abortion forces that are hard at work right here in Michigan.

Here's the good news; with a new state House, a new state Senate, and a new governor, we are on the move. We are more determined than ever to put a ban on partial birth abortion on Michigan's law books.

In January, state lawmakers introduced a package of bills to ban partial birth abortion in Michigan. These bills mirror the Federal partial birth abortion ban, which the U.S. Supreme Court upheld in *Gonzales v. Carhart* of 2007.

Make no mistake about it, we need **both** a Federal and a State ban!

We need a state law enforceable by state officials including the attorney general and local prosecutors. As we saw just recently on another issue, the current Federal Justice Department can pick and choose which laws it will enforce or defend. That will be totally unacceptable if we discover someone doing partial birth abortions in Michigan.

Here's the bottom line: What good is a ban if it won't or can't be enforced!

On March 1, our efforts to ban PBA in Michigan went into high gear with a hearing in the state Senate Judiciary Committee. I was honored to represent the unborn child by providing official testimony before the committee. (If you would like a copy of my remarks, check the appropriate box on the enclosed pledge card.)

Despite the unspeakable horror of PBA, **Planned Parenthood** and the **ACLU** also showed up to testify—in support of partial birth abortion! They showed up all right—not with common sense and compassion, but with tongue-in-cheek and hide-and-seek. They didn't come with love and respect. They came with smoke and mirrors and sleight of hand.

As this debate begins to unfold, we can expect much more of the same!

Our opposition will work overtime to muddy the waters as much as they possibly can. That's precisely why you and I need to be there to tell the truth and to expose the gruesome reality of partial birth abortion.

Please carefully study the drawings on the last page of this newsletter. If you agree that partial birth abortion should be banned in the state of Michigan, then please get involved . . . today.

Here are just five ways you can help:

1. **Educate yourself** – Visit our website at www.rtl.org. With just a click, you can learn more about partial birth abortion and our efforts to ban this unspeakable atrocity in Michigan.
2. **Spread the word** – Send as many people as you possibly can to our website for more information. In addition, I would encourage you to make copies of this newsletter and distribute it near and far.
3. **Citizen lobby** – There are a record number of prolife legislators now serving in the state House and state Senate. They are working feverishly to draft and introduce a record number of prolife bills. As a matter of fact, this two-year legislative session has the potential to be the most productive in our history. By Wednesday, **April 27**, when we gather for our annual **Legislative Day**, most of these bills will be introduced and a general “game plan” should be established. Our ban on partial birth abortion will be a top priority. Can you join us for **Legislative Day** as a voice for the unborn? We will need dedicated proliferators to come to Lansing in order to help create the momentum necessary to carry us to victory. You can go to our website to register, or check the appropriate box on the enclosed pledge card to request information through the mail.
4. **Donate** – After a 15-year struggle, we are poised and ready to ban partial birth abortion, but not without your continued financial support. Without delay, please write your most generous check today to Right to Life of Michigan for **\$100, \$50, \$25, \$10**, or whatever you can afford. Maybe you could help us pull the curtain back by joining our **2011 Life Support Team** with a gift given on a **monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semiannual** basis. Your gift will help us expose the reality of partial birth abortion.
5. **Fast and pray** – Join us as we bombard the gates of Heaven in order to end this unspeakable evil.

Michigan needs to go on record, joining dozens of other states, in declaring that there is no right, constitutional or otherwise, to kill a child inches from complete birth. It will be a failure of moral integrity not to pass this ban.

No more misinformation. No more bald-faced lies! No more beating around the bush. Help us pull the curtain back!

With deepest appreciation,

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P.S. Look at the drawings one more time. Let the reality of partial birth abortion sink deep into your soul. Then join me as I rededicate myself to putting an end to this unspeakable atrocity. I hope to hear from you soon. Thanks again and God bless.

