

# Your Local CWA Leaders Bring Your Voice to Your State Capitals

*CWA takes pro-family message to your state legislators, making your voice heard through both prayer and action*

A vital part of the Concerned Women for America's (CWA) mission is making your voice heard in the legislature. This year, your local CWA chapters started off with a bang in many states across the country.

Lobby days are a very effective way for CWA to share your values with your state legislature. In the past, your state and local leaders have brought large groups of CWA members to your state capitols to speak as representatives of our core issues. This year has been no different.

CWA of Missouri held its "Watchdog Lobby Day" on January 10. The item of the day was amending the state constitution to truly ban human cloning. CWA President Wendy Wright joined them at the Jefferson City Capitol and delivered the keynote address to a crowd of more than 300 pro-lifers.

Beverly Ehlen, CWA's Area Director for Missouri – North East, reported that "The rotunda was clothed in song and prayer."

Five state senators and representatives also welcomed the crowd and thanked



***CWA of Iowa serves legislators lunch during its 2007 Lobby Day. Lobby Days are one of many ways your CWA state leaders bring your voice to your state capitals.***

them for their support for life. They urged attendees to make their voice heard among other members of the General Assembly.

We are grateful for those of you who, like these CWA members in Missouri, take a stand to show our elected officials the need for Godly stewardship of our nation.

*"For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God."*

***Romans 13:1***

## **Encouraging Our Leaders**

Prayer is the heart of to the Encourage-A-Legislator (EAL) program, a CWA Field Department program designed to lift up your state legislators in prayer.

Too often legislators receive nasty e-mails, cards and phone calls from angry constituents. CWA wants to change that

attitude and inspire legislators in all 50 states through the power of prayer.

CWA of Iowa has carried its EAL program through many legislative sessions, recruiting volunteers who commit to pray for state legislators and send cards of encouragement. This year, CWA of Iowa kicked off the session and the EAL program with a “Day on the Hill.”

On January 10 at the Capitol in Des Moines, CWA members and legislators gathered for a time of fellowship and renewal of CWA’s commitment to prayer.

Iowa State Director Tamara Scott said, “CWA of Iowa is making an impact and legislators are showing their respect for our organization. I think one of the things that touched me the most was Sen. Brad Zaun, former mayor of Urbandale, looking for Jane Simonson so he could personally hug her and thank her for the cards and prayers.”

The light of Christ shines through the volunteers who gather together in prayer for our nation and its leaders.

The CWA Field Department, which oversees and aids your state chapters, has several programs that focus on this crucial branch of government. Whether you are an activist at heart or you prefer being a prayer warrior at home, we have a way for you to get involved within your state and see God move on your legislators’ hearts.

*“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for ... kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.”*

*1 Timothy 2:1-2*

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*CWA President Wendy Wright (left) poses at the Missouri Capitol after a day of lobbying for a statewide ban on human cloning. She stands alongside (L to R) Beverly Ehlen (Area Director of Missouri - Northeast), Joey Davis (former State Director), and Haven Howard (Area Director of Missouri - South).*

## PRAY

Lift up the Encourage-a-Legislator program and lobby days to the Lord. May the spirit of the Lord shine in all that we do at CWA.

## PRAISE

Thank the Lord for His blessing in bringing the resources and the volunteers necessary to make these state programs successful and effective.

## ACT

Find out how you can become involved in prayer and/or action in your area. Visit <http://states.cwfa.org> or contact the Field Department at 1-800-458-8797, ext. 118.