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Dear Fellow CWA Supporter,

I am thrilled to share with you that New Hampshire now has a visible Concerned Women for America (CWA) presence. I am so blessed to be able to serve the great people of New Hampshire in the capacity of State Director. The Lord has crafted in my heart a vision of restoring our Biblical foundation where marriage is prized as God created it between one man and one woman, that parents have the right to guide and direct the education, medical care, and religious training of their children, that the exploitation of women and children in human trafficking should be stopped and that human life at all phases should be protected as the most precious gift that God bestows.

How privileged we are to live in such a beautiful and historic state. New Hampshire has been a key player in the formation of this great nation and continues to be the bell weather as first in the nation during presidential primaries. Our past reflects a history rooted in self government and moral restraint for the citizen and elected official. The writers of our state constitution knew that unless the people were trained in Biblical values and taught to live those same values in their private and public life government would become corrupt, self centered, and exploitive.

Won't you join me as we bend our hearts in prayer, educate ourselves on the issues and then work to improve our lives and communities for the glory of our Heavenly Father? Let's start today! Below are some of the issues we are facing right now in New Hampshire.

We are facing very egregious legislation that will shift our moral and ethical fabric way outside of the creator's boundaries. Our elderly and disabled will have hope ripped right out from them under the proposed "Death with Dignity Act" or physician-assisted suicide. Cloaked in misguided compassion, this bill will force doctors to break their Hippocratic Oath of Healing and become the executioners of their patients. Hands that have healed in the past will now be forced by law to administer life-ending injections and pills if requested by a patient. Here is some of the rationale being used to support physician assisted suicide:

- This legislation should be enacted to spare families insurance losses should a death be ruled as a suicide. (For a country that wants to provide free healthcare to all of the people in our country is this logical; money is more important than life?)
- Suicide should be legalized because it happens anyway. (This failed logic was used for drug addicts and sex education both of which are at higher rates of occurrence than at any other time in our nation's history)
- It is necessary to ensure a compassionate choice at the end of life. (How is intentional drug overdose compassionate? Human beings are not dogs or cats.)

If physician-assisted suicide is coupled with the proposed national Healthcare reform which requires end of life counseling like a yearly physical, how many will be influenced to end their life rather than work through their sickness or tough times? God gives strength during those times when we cannot physically sustain ourselves. What message are we conveying to those who are severely depressed?

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Other questions to be answered are: what will become of the private doctor patient relationship? Will patients trust their doctors to prescribe what is best for them if they know that doctor could be thinking that their circumstance is too great a hardship on finances and family?

According to *Investors Business Daily's* September 15, 2009, poll forty-five percent of all doctors will retire early or leave the medical field if national healthcare reform is passed. Cabrini Institute, Inc., a Catholic New Hampshire based bio-ethics think tank recently held a forum on physician-assisted suicide in which the percentage of doctors who reported they would leave the profession before being forced to prescribe life ending medications was parallel in percentages to the national average of forty-five percent.

This bill, if passed, will create a huge doctor and nurse shortage in New Hampshire. Concerned Women for America of New Hampshire will defend life at all stages. We believe God created each life with dignity and each life is precious. As author, designer and healer God has the authority to end life not man.

Lastly another very important issue has emerged in the New Hampshire medical services field. Dartmouth Hitchcock and Catholic Medical Center (CMC) have entered into a merger agreement. The acquisition represents a monopoly in medical service providers. It also has been brought to our attention that the contract does not contain any stipulations to prevent abortions being performed at CMC. In fact the contract stipulates that two percent of the facility be designated to the abortion services department. The contract page that would normally hold all restrictions as prescribed by the New Hampshire Bishop currently is a blank page. Once the agreement is finalized, CMC will be required to provide abortion services. We cannot allow this to happen. It is important that New Hampshire citizens be allowed to choose a facility that will not use patient money to support the abortion industry.

A public hearing is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., November 16, 2009, at the New Hampshire Arts Institute in Manchester. You can voice your concerns over this acquisition. It is important that Dartmouth and CMC hear from New Hampshire citizens.

Concerned Women for America of New Hampshire is working to keep you informed on those issues that affect you and your family. Won't you support us locally with a small gift? Your gift enables us to keep you informed on New Hampshire based issues that affect you and your family. Please use the enclosed response form to contact us.

Please pray over the different issues that have been presented in this letter; prayer is the best offense we can build for New Hampshire.

God bless you and your family, and God bless New Hampshire,

Sincerely,



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State Director

<http://www.investors.com/NewsAndAnalysis/Article.aspx?id=506199&Ntt=doctors+quitting>, *Forty-five percent of Doctors Would Consider Quitting If Congress Passes Health Care Overhaul*