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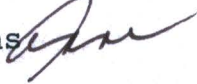
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 16, 1981

TO: Helene Von Damm
From: Anne Higgins 
Subject: Mail Sample Regarding Nomination of
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FROM: ANNE V. HIGGINS

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

CONGRATULATIONS ON NOMINATING JUDGE O'CONNOR. THIS IS THE FIRST ISSUE

I AGREE WITH YOU ON.

JO ANN VOYCE

5030 CHERRY

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Committee

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations and thank you
for selecting Mrs. O'Connor for the
Supreme Court.

Sincerely yours,



Fred O. Pinkham
President

New York Office:
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Telephone: (212) 751-9511



pro O'Connor
THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

July 7, 1981

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TO: President Ronald Reagan

FROM: Sarah Harder *Sarah Harder*

RE: Nomination of Judge Sandra O'Connor
for Supreme Court

I would like to acknowledge the significance of your nomination of Judge Sandra O'Connor to the Supreme Court of the United States. This nomination is an important fulfillment of your campaign commitment and recognizes the distinguished contributions of women jurists.

I am particularly cognizant of pressures against this nomination by ultra-conservative groups. And I congratulate you for your fair and even-handed assessment of Judge O'Connor's credentials. You may be sure that her nomination will receive strong support from women's organizations.

Your historic action is another milestone toward achieving full participation by women in national life. We look forward to further evidence of commitment to that purpose by your Administration.

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I AM PRO O'CONNOR AND ABORTION.

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NL
pro O'Connor

6876 Lafayette Park Drive
Annandale, VA 22003
July 9, 1981

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Nomination of
Judge Sandra D. O'Connor
to The Supreme Court

Dear Mr. President:


Your choice of Judge O'Connor as your Supreme Court nominee is an excellent one. Although I was not familiar with her judicial record, I have now read in newspaper articles about her decisions, and I think that she has an excellent record of being unbiased when judging individual cases. That should be the foremost consideration when recommending the selection of anyone in the judicial field; unfortunately, many decisions have been made by those who put their personal beliefs or prejudices ahead of their educated objectivity. Judge O'Connor's record shows that she does not.

I am a Democrat, pro-ERA, and pro-abortion. I feel quite strongly that I should be able to have an abortion if and when I should so choose. We proponents of ERA and/or abortion wish only to protect our rights, not deprive others of theirs, which is what those who oppose both issues want to do. The Supreme Court should insure the rights of all Americans, and I know that Judge O'Connor will issue opinions that reflect that worthy goal.

I have been quite impressed by your performance as President. I admire your quick action on the economy and approve your selection of personnel; I have confidence in your wanting to get our country on the right track again. Should you continue this plan, you will definitely have my vote in 1984.

Thank you for keeping your campaign promise (Is that a political first for the US?), and pull all strings to get the "marriage tax" revoked. (Phyllis Schlafly should agree with THAT!)

Respectfully,



Dale Presson Smith
(Mrs. Preston J. Smith, Jr.)

pro O'Connor

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R. D. No. 1, Box 338
Tel. 215-987-6216

July 8, 1981.

My dear Mr. President,

Hooray for you. You seem to realize that there are a lot of sensible, good Americans around the country who want to give you everything we have, but can't buy the stupid mouthings of the Jesse Helms, the Moral Majority, the Right To Lifers and the other kooks of the extreme right

As a life long Republican ever since voting for Landon (you too can probably remember him) I have been most dismayed at the vociferousness, vindictiveness and stupidity of this loud minority of your supporters..

Now I want to congratulate you on Mrs. O'Connor, even if you do waffle a little bit on what she may have said about abortion and so on. Hang in there and get her nomination approved. I have written both my Senators, both the bright one and the follower of the most raucus pressure group. And, if you have any reservations about where most of us stand on some of these issues, get Nancy or some other researcher to set you straight.

Most sincerely,

President Ronald Regan
the White House
Washington, D.C.

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President Reagan

July 8, 1981

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The White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

I thought that I would never have cause to write you a congratulatory letter on any of your political appointments. Alas, I have been greatly surprized and quite delighted by your nomination of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Thank you for letting reason and sound judgement guide you in this vital decision, rather than pandering to extreme minority pressure groups. You may loose some of the support of the extremists, but you will gain the support and respect of many more of us who have been frankly quite frightened by your moves in the area of human rights and social justice.

Your nomination of Judge Day O'Connor shows that you are committed to employing the best that Americans have to offer--without perpetuating discrimination in the most powerful positions in the land.

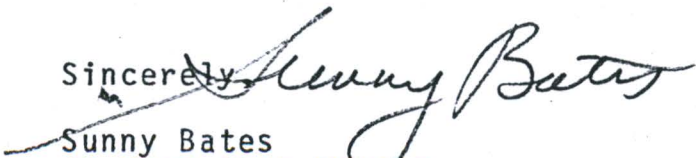
Again, I thank you, and I must reiterate that I did not imagine that I would have cause to send you a supportive letter during your tenure as President.

A bit of demographics for your own records, I am 25 years old, professional, living in New York City, registered Democrat with strong committments to fiscal conservatism, social justice, women's rights(Pro ERA), and Pro-Choice.

Your move gives me faith that we are not taking giant steps backward in the social evolutionary process.

Many thanks, you will be hearing from me again.

Sincerely,


Sunny Bates
42 West 69th Street
Apt. 3B
New York, N.Y. 10023

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July 7, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House

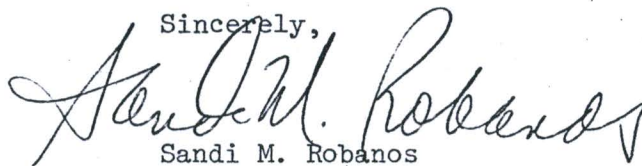
Dear Mr. President:

I want to take this opportunity to say how very pleased I am that you have nominated, not only a woman to the Supreme Court, but one that is decidedly sympathetic to women.

Your choice is representative of the majority of the American people, and I feel not only is it wise, but a compassionate thing to do. I did not vote for you, but if this keeps up, I will feel very ashamed that I didn't.

Thank you for the courage you have shown as President already, and I wish you all the luck in the world tackling this crazy, thankless job.

Sincerely,



Sandi M. Robanos

P.S.

My birthday is tomorrow. With this action, you've made my day. Things are looking up!

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

LONG LIVE O'CONNOR AND ERA. DOWN WITH LEE AND RELIGIOUS NUTS

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

I HAVE KNOWN SANDRA O'CONNOR FOR 30 YEARS AS FRIEND RANCH HAND
COUNSELOR JUDGE LEGAL SCHOLAR AND SUPERB LADY. SHE IS PEERLESS IN
HER PROFESSION AND WILL BRING GREAT CREDIT TO YOUR ADMINISTRATION
THE SUPREME COURT THE NATION HER NATIVE ARIZONA AND ALL OF
WOMANHOOD. I URGE HER APPOINTMENT

BUDGE RUFFNER

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PRESCOTT AZ 86301

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July 2, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20025

Dear President Reagan:

I have read in this morning's paper that Sandra O'Connor is being considered for a seat on the Supreme Court of the United States.

I have known Sandra for many years. I have dealt with her as a Deputy Attorney General, a member of the Arizona Legislature and as a Majority Leader and have tried cases before her on the Superior Court Bench. I have read her opinions as a Judge of the Appellate Court.

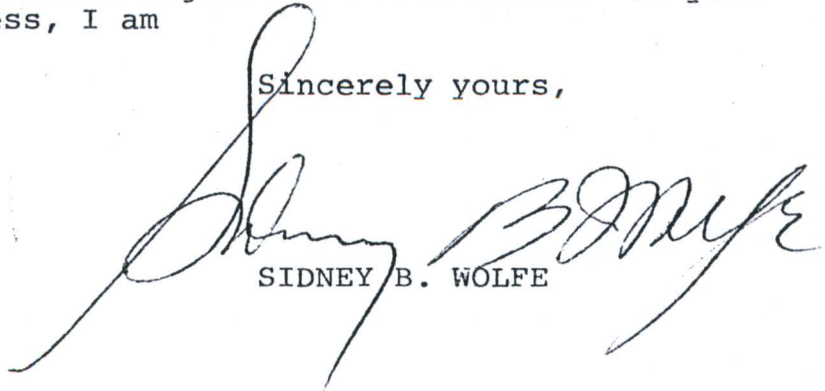
Aside from her outstanding Republican political credentials of which I as an activist in the Republican party have been aware of for many years, she is, of all of the persons I have heard named for the position, an outstanding candidate.

She is intelligent. She is extremely thorough in her legal and judicial pronouncements and above all, she has integrity and humility. She also has an excellent judicial temperament and demeanor.

I therefore urge you to appoint her to this high position.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes for your continued success, I am

Sincerely yours,



SIDNEY B. WOLFE

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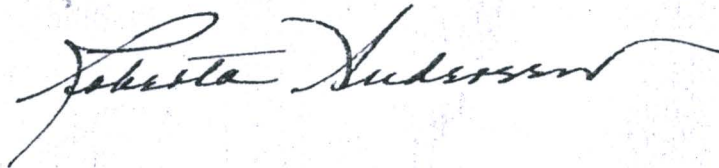
July 8, 1981

Dear Mr. Reagan:

I should like to praise your choice of Sandra O'Connor
for Justice of the United States Supreme Court. I'm certain
she'll be dedicated, conscientious, and hard working. You have
made yet another in a long list of wise decisions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

HEARTILY APPROVE APPOINTMENT JUDGE O'CONNOR ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF HER
REALISTIC POSITION ON ABORTION
PHILIP AND DOROTHY HAWKINS
179 ROSCOMMON PLACE
MCMURRAY PA 15317

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

I SUPPORT YOUR NOMINATION OF SANDRA O'CONNOR HER HIGHEST

RECOMMENDATION IS HER OPPOSITION

PETER L DEPERRO

TOUCHSTONE

ESTES PARK CO 80517

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FMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

SUPPORT YOUR PRO ERA PRO CHOICE APPOINTEE FOR SUPREME COURT. PLEASE
RECONSIDER YOUR OWN POSITION ON THOSE ISSUES

MICHAEL T BRATTON

3133 12TH ST

ROCK ISLAND IL 61201

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PMS THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, DC

YOU HAVE MADE A SUPERB CHOICE IN YOUR SELECTION OF
JUDGE O'CONNOR. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, TO THE COURT,
AND TO THE COUNTRY.

RESPECTFULLY,

TOM WATSON, JR.

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

WE ARE PLEASED BY DENOMINATION OF SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR WE ARE
CONCERNED THAT THE MORAL MAJORITY, ETC, WILL JEOPARDIZE HER CHANCES
THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN WE PRAY THAT OTHERS, WHO DO NOT FIND
THEMSELVES ALINED WITH THESE NARROW INTEREST GROUP WILL ALSO VOICE
THEIR SUPPORT FOR MRS O'CONNOR AND FOR THE WORKING OF DEMOCRACY
MR AND MRS LEON JEHLER AND PATRICIA JEHLER

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Don O'Connor

THE CITY COLLEGE

OF

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10031

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

(212) 690-

July 8, 1981

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President;

This letter is to express strong disapproval of your nomination of Sandra O'Connor to the Supreme Court.

First, it leaves your previous supporters -- I include myself -- aghast that you would yield to the quota mentality that you yourself have so often deplored.

What is worse, Sandra O'Connor supports abortion on demand and the ERA. Mr. President, the mandate you received in November, 1980 was a repudiation of those positions. Have you forgotten who voted for you?

If you lose the support of your fundamental constituency -- those who are conservative on social issues as well as on defense and federal spending -- your grand plans for reforming government will dissolve. Before you alienate your allies, please withdraw your nomination.

Yours truly,

Michael Levin
Michael Levin
Professor of Philosophy

P.S. Even you cannot seriously maintain that Mrs. O'Connor is better qualified than, say, Robert Bork.

LOIS L HAMMOND
431 NORTH MISSION RD
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Clon O'Connor

PRESIDENT REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

I WORKED FOR YOUR ELECTION HAVE SUPPORTED ELEVEN ORGANIZATIONS TO GET
YOUR TAX CUT PACKAGE PASSED AND NOW YOU SELECTED A WOMAN FOR SUPREME
COURT WHO WILL UNDO ALL I'VE WORKED FOR YEARS TO CHANGE AND STOP,
ABORTION ERA BALANCED BUDGET FREEDOM

LOIS L HAMMOND
431 NORTH MISSION RD
WICHITA KS 67206

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July 9, 1981

Mr. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

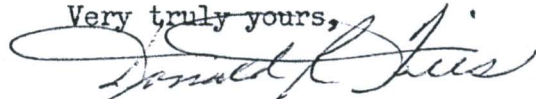
Dear Mr. President:

You can add my voice to the list of those opposing your nomination of Mrs. Sandra D. O'Connor to the vacancy in the Supreme Court of the United States.

You have destroyed your credibility with me Mr. President. I feel betrayed because of your anti-abortion stance prior to the election. Either you lied to us then or you are lying to yourself now. And please don't say it is neither. In my opinion there is no middle of the ground on this issue. Either a fetus is dead or it is alive. Either it is killed or it develops.

When were you being true to yourself Mr. President?
Prior to the election or now?

Very truly yours,



Donald R. Fries
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45211

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

ONE REASON GIVEN US TO VOTE FOR YOU WAS THAT WE WERE ASSURED YOU
WOULD APPOINT PRO-LIFE PRO-FAMILY PEOPLE TO THE SUPREME COURT. THIS
APPOINTMENT IS A SHOCK. PLEASE RECONSIDER IT.

MARY JANE KIMBALL SECRETARY TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS FOR LIFE
521 DARTMOOR DR
FAIRFIELD GLADE TN 38555

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PRESIDENT REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

LAST NOVEMBER ANTI ABORTIONISTS SUPPORTED YOU WITHOUT RESERVATION.

WILL YOU NOW TURN YOUR BACK ON THESE VOTERS. SINCERELY

HELEN M BRUCE 6457 FIRMAMENT AVE

VAN NUYS CA 91406

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

WORKED MANY HOURS FOR YOU. SHOCKED BY O'CONNOR NOMINATION. HOPE SHE'S
NOT JUST PERSONALLY OPPOSED. IF NOT PLEASE WITHDRAW NOMINATION.

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

AS LIFE LONG DEMOCRATS WE VOTED FOR A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN 1980 BECAUSE OF HIS COURAGEOUS STANCE AGAINST ABORTION.
NEVER AGAIN.

JOSE AND THERESE MAES

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SAN JOSE CA 95128

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222 Winthrop Drive
Belleville, IL 62221
July 10, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20013

Dear Mr. President:

We are registered Democrats, but nevertheless we welcomed your Presidential candidacy and eagerly voted for you last November. We haven't always understood or agreed with your positions since then, but believed that you were making decisions based on the best available information and trusted that everything would work out for the good of the country. Now we feel that we must speak up.

We strongly object to your nomination of Mrs. O'Connor to the Supreme Court. This is a slap in the face of all those anti-abortion people who put their trust in you. You have obviously been misled and we urge you to withdraw the nomination.

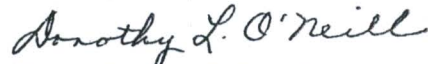
Sincerely,



Gerald T. O'Neill



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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT
YOU HAVE APPOINTED A WOMEN TO THE SUPREME COURT, I WAS A VICTIM LIKE
YOU FOUR YEARS AGO I WAS SHOT FIVE TIME WITH A 22 CALIBER PISTOL
WHILE MAKING A LIVING FOR MY FAMILY, FROM WHAT I READ SHE IS PRO
ABORTION AND ANTI CAPITOL PUNISHMENT FOR THE CRIMINALS, I SUPPORTED
YOU FOR YEARS, I HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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July 8, 1981

President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Reagan:

During 1980, we supported your bid for the presidency; and, in fact, several of us worked quite diligently in your behalf. While there were many reasons for this support, we all agree that the pre-eminent reason was (and still is) that as President you would be able to do something to help reverse the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

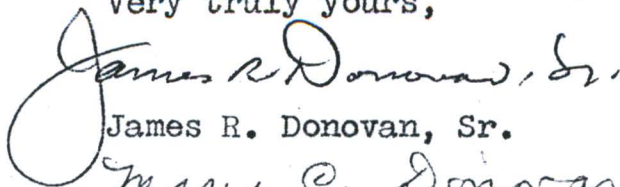
As to date, your appointments of pro-life people in your administration are to be commended. However, your nomination of Judge O'Connor for the Supreme Court has caused us deep concern. Certainly, this position is the most crucial if we are ever to regain a respect for the lives of the unborn.

Judge O'Connor's record clearly doesn't indicate a "respect for the sanctity of innocent human life" (recall your 1980 platform). While you claim satisfaction as to her views on abortion, her purported "personally opposed" position ranks her in company with Sen. Kennedy, former President Carter, and former Rep. Drinan to name a few. Hardly a reason to be satisfied.

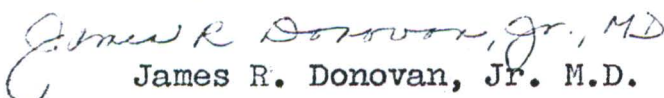
Perhaps, we are most perplexed as to why such a nomination has occurred. The National Organization for Women is overjoyed, the local Planned Parenthood people are happy, and most of your Democrats are equally excited. You didn't win because of these people; and, rest assured, should you run in 1984, they won't be in your camp then, either.


The final question still lingers: Why and for whom?

Very truly yours,


James R. Donovan, Sr.


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July 10, 1981

Mr. Lyn Nofziger
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyn:

Since we are both former "Glendalians," I'm sending this letter to you as hopefully you will remember my Republican political activities for the past 20 years in the Glendale area; especially my enthusiastic support for President Reagan since 1966.

The enclosed column by Patrick Buchanan expresses very well my own concern about the appointment of Ms. Sandra Day O'Connor to the United States Supreme Court. Even though I'm not a member of any of the activist organizations regarding abortion, I totally agree with their objectives on the abortion issue.

With the experience I have acquired after having worked as a volunteer in many political campaigns, I feel President Reagan might not have received the momentum in enough primaries to take him to the White House, had it not been for the dedicated hard work of the pro-life groups. I'm especially troubled and amazed at this as I've always thought President Reagan was unsurpassed in his appreciation of volunteers and his keeping of promises to them.

I hope and pray that Ms. O'Connor's name can be withdrawn from this extremely important long-term appointment.

Congratulations on your position in the White House. I always enjoy seeing you on television. You're doing a good job.

Sincerely,



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cc: President Ronald Reagan
Senator Strom Thurmond
Senator Howard Baker

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

...Was It Plain Political Adultery?

That sound you hear, beneath the loud reveling at the President's precedent-shattering nomination of a woman to the Supreme Court, is the cracking apart of Ronald Reagan's Great Coalition.

The White House boys have just made the most basic mistake you can make in politics: They have compromised the vital interests of the President's most ardent followers, to score brownie points with their political enemies. A frivolous campaign promise has been kept, and a solemn written commitment violated. Political adultery.

Eighteen months ago, in the Iowa caucuses, the Right-to-Life movement saved Ronald Reagan from an even more embarrassing defeat by his now-vice president — a defeat which could have made Ronald Reagan a footnote in the history books. A month later, in New Hampshire, the Right to Lifers provided a significant share of that astonishing margin of victory which gave candidate Reagan irresistible momentum through the early, conclusive primaries.

In return, the movement asked Mr. Reagan for a surprisingly small return. Only that Reagan support their Human Life Amendment and its progeny; that his Supreme Court nominees — be they black, white, yellow, brown, red, male or female — share the President's internalized belief that the unborn child has the God-given right to live.

As politics goes, this was a simple, inexpensive bargain. The candidate would get the volunteer labors of thousands, the allegiance of millions, in return for remaining true to his stated convictions.

The Right to Lifers more than kept the bargain. When the White House asked that they place their agenda at the end of the line, while the President's vast economic vessel transited the Congress, they acceded.

Their reward: To be ridiculed as a pack of "extremists" by some chowderhead editorial writer on the *New York Times* — bulletin board of the Abzugian wing of the Feminist party — which is chortling in print over the President's nomination to the high court of an Arizona co-sponsor of legislation to legalize abortion on demand.

Why? What will the White House receive, that is tangible and enduring, to compensate for breaking the hearts of the President's most faithful followers?

This is not to demean Ms. Sandra Day O'Connor, the President's nominee. Her academic, political and judicial records are, at least, *cum laude*; even her critics in Arizona admit her brilliance. Had she been elevated to the Cabinet, she might have gone unopposed.

But this is the United States Supreme Court — the court that will decide, when the new medical evidence is reviewed, whether it made a historic blunder in *Roe v. Wade*, the court which will pass on all congressional restrictions upon its jurisdiction, the court which will have final word on legislation moving through Congress that sets the moment when, constitutionally, life begins, the unborn child becomes a "person," and his or her right to life must be protected by the state.

In nominating Ms. O'Connor, the White House has left the Right to Life Movement no choice but to op-

pose her with all its resources, no choice but to depart, temporarily and perhaps permanently, from the President's coalition, no choice but to put the heat on senators like Orrin Hatch — up for re-election in 1982.

"We feel betrayed by the President," said Paul Brown of the Life Amendment Political Action Committee. "We've been sold out."

That kind of politics is so alien to what is known of Ronald Reagan, the question must be raised. Was the President misled about Ms. O'Connor's record? Misled by the Department of Justice, by the White House Staff, or by Judge O'Connor herself?

According to the acting press secretary, Larry Speakes, Ms. O'Connor told the President she was "personally opposed" to abortion, found it "personally abhorrent." Yet, according to the Right to Life Movement, she not only co-sponsored and supported legislation legalizing abortion, she opposed a resolution urging Congress to support a constitutional amendment to overturn the abortion decision.

(What would we say of an individual who said he found racial segregation "personally abhorrent," then voted to overturn the Civil Rights Act of 1964?)

The abortion issue is not just a social issue; it is the overriding social issue that split the FDR coalition and sent millions of Southern evangelical Christians and Northern Catholics into the camp of a Republican President with whom they may disagree on a dozen other issues. Their demoralization is a political tragedy of the first order — and so damned unnecessary.

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President Ronald Reagan
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Dear President Reagan:

We can't understand this sudden turn to the left! We are shocked and very disappointed with the nomination of a liberal for the Supreme Court.

We surely expected a person who is pro-life and opposed to the ERA. We don't want a Justice who is "personally opposed to abortion" and "has changed her mind on ERA but wants gender-free laws".

President Carter was 'personally opposed to abortion'. He, too, wanted gender-free laws -- that is what ERA is all about. We want the differences between the sexes to make reasonable differences in the laws.

We urge you to withdraw this nomination. Please nominate a conservative for this vital position.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Gilder L. Wideman

FW/s

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July 8, 1981

Dear President Reagan,

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How could you betray the many pro-life people who worked so hard for your success in the last election. Your appointment of Sandra O'Connor for the Supreme Court is an insult to those people who trusted your word concerning the rights of the unborn.

As you were recovering from your wounds in a Catholic hospital, it was reported that you felt God spared your life for a particular mission on earth. Was the appointment of Sandra O'Connor that God inspired mission? Why did you do it?

My husband and I supported you back when you ran against Gerald Ford. You naturally were our choice last November. I doubt if you will have our vote in the future.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lacke

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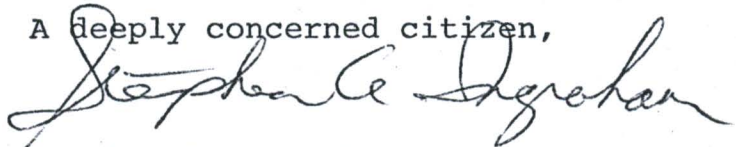
7 July 1981

President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan,

I cannot express the shock, anger, outrage, and sense of utter betrayal that I feel toward you at the news of your nomination to the Supreme Court of a woman of the views of Ms. O'Connor. Please for the sake of future generations, and for the moral good of our nation, WHICH YOU SIR HAVE PLEDGED TO DO YOUR BEST TO STRENGTHEN, WITHDRAW HER NAME FROM NOMINATION. YOU HAVE LOST MY RESPECT AND SUPPORT IF YOU DO NOT TAKE THIS CRUCIAL STEP.

A deeply concerned citizen,



Stephen A. Ingraham

Staff Member,

Sen. Subcommittee on

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AS A WOMAN WHO VOTED FOR YOU I AM DISAPPOINTED YOUR CHOICE OF
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Dear President Reagan:

What happened -- Couldn't you get Jane Fonda or Bella Abzug? You have betrayed the people who trusted you and worked so hard for you.

For you to make a Socialist like Eleanor Smeal happy is too much. This is indeed an irresponsible act and has shaken our faith in all your proposals, and your mention of "National support" last night in Illinois had an empty ring -- you no longer have it.

Supporting a Feminist- *Atheist-Communist for Supreme Court undermines any other good you could have done.

You made a fool of us - God help you and all of us. He's the only one who can.

Mrs. L.G. Graham

*According to a Humanist Author).

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