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Dear Mr. President,

sending you a note on your selection of Soudia O'Connor for the Supreme Court. Do and I have known her and her family for the Past 10 years - and we are enstatic about, and strongly appland, your choice! An absolutely "pluperfect" selection. Congratulation, also to Bill Smith for the ground work.

Things are going smoothly here, with our personal relationships with Mrs. Thatcher and Peter Carrington developing well.

We look forward with great enThussain to Nancy's Visit.

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I still believe that an unborn child is a human being and that the only way that unborn child's life can be taken is in the context of our long tradition of self-defense, meaning that, yes, an expectant mother can protect her own life against even her own unborn child, but we cannot have abortion on demand or whim or because we think the child is going to be less than perfect.

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Thanks again.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Marie Craven 8026 South Francisco Chicago, Illinois 60652

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To: Mrs. Marie Craven

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/s/ Ronald Reagan

Dear President Reagan:

A number of pro-life people are planning on picketing you at your departure point tonight to protest your confirmed appointment of Judge O'Connor from Arizona to the office of Supreme Court Justice.

Instead of participating in this protest, I have decided to write this letter.

I have been an active pro-lifer since April of 1973. I have served and am serving on Boards of Directors of local pro-life groups, have served as Chairman of Illinois Citizens Concerned for life and have contributed too many valuable hours away from home and family (including 5 small children) to let what you have done today go unnoticed.

I have both anger, resentment and frustration pent up in me at this moment because I sincerely feel you have betrayed me and millions of Americans including over 8 million pre-born babies.

They will continue to be aborted every 30 seconds simply because they are a simple inconvenience to so many of our countries women.

I am a Chicago resident, of Irish Catholic heritage and up until my involvement in pro-life, a committed Democrat. I worked for your election, along with countless others, distributing your campaign literature, making phone calls, coordinating blitz's etc. I don't want any credit for any of this. I just want you to know that at this precise moment I know that the power of your office has taken precidence over your party platform and your campaign promises.

I feel I am a grass roots citizen -- and I am sickened by witnessing once again the broken promises of the politician.

When you were shot, I prayed for your swift recovery. I continue to pray for you daily that your judgements will be wise ones.

Today I am having difficulty believing that you meant the words of a letter you sent to National Right to Life Convention on June 18, 1981... "I share your hope that someday soon our laws will reaffirm this principle. (that abortion is the taking of human life) We've worked together for a long time now, and like you, I am hopeful that we will soon see a solution to this difficult problem."

By this appointment, you have betrayed pro-life. Judge Sandra O'Connor is a known advocate of pro-abortion legislation. How, then, can this appointment bring us closer to our goal of protecting the preborn children of America?

I only hope that the U.S. Senate rejects your appointment.

Maybe this is your ultimate goal - your appointment of a woman
to satisfy the pro choice feminists -- followed by rejection of
her appointment by the Senate and an alternative candidate appointed
to satisfy all factions.

I hope for the sake of our nations' most vital resource, our children, I am right.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marie Craven

8026 S. Francisco Chicago, Illinois 60652

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 30, 1981

Dear Mr. Wright:

Your August 3 1981 letter, together with attachment, was forwarded to me by the President for consideration and response. On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for taking the time to provide us with your views concerning Justice O'Connor's appointment to the Supreme Court.

Please be assured that the issues you raised in your August 3, 1981 memorandum were taken most seriously by the President and his Staff. Justice O'Connor's record was reviewed both here and at the Department of Justice prior to her confirmation hearings before the Senate. I hope that her testimony during those hearings responded to the family and moral issues you raised in your memorandum.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

Mr. Clymer L. Wright, Jr. 7333 Harwin, Suite 115 Houston, TX 77036

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

D. EDWARD WILSON, JR. P. P. -

SUBJECT:

Clymer L. Wright, Jr.,

"Sandra O'Connor's True Record"

Attached for your review and comment or signature is a letter responding to Mr. Wright's August 3, 1981 letter and memorandum which asks that the President withdraw Justice O'Connor's nomination for appointment to the Supreme Court.

Now that Justice O'Connor has taken her position on the Bench, I think that a response to Mr. Wright is in order in line with the attached draft.

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

August 10, 1981

TO:	Fred Fielding
FROM:	MORGAN MASON
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August 3, 1981

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

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Dear Mr. President:

Since we met at the White House on July 8, I have talked with leaders in Arizona and throughout the country in an effort to determine the true record of Judge Sandra O'Connor regarding the family and moral issues as addressed in the 1980 Republican platform.

All the information in the attached report can be documented, but I do not want to burden you with too much detail at this point.

Most of the Arizona elected officials will endorse Judge O'Connor for political reasons, but State Representative Jim Skelly resigned his position with Greyhound when the company's chairman, Gerald Trautman, asked him to tone down his criticism of Judge O'Connor's abortion record.

Respectfully,

Clymer L. Wright, Jr.

I. RONALD REAGAN'S COMMITMENT

Some three days prior to the Iowa caucus in January, 1980, Candidate Ronald Reagan met with Dr. Carolyn Gerster of Phoenix, Arizona, then President of the National Right to Life Committee at Rye, New York.

Dr. Gerster reported that Gov. Reagan admitted he would lose Iowa due to campaign mistakes and pleaded for the endorsement of the Right To Life Committee prior to the caucus. In exchange for this early endorsement, Gov. Reagan promised to appoint only pro-life people to the Supreme Court, Dr. Gerster asserted.

Based solely on this promise, the National Right To
Life Committee endorsed Ronald Reagan for President before
the Iowa caucus, she added.

II. SANDRA O'CONNOR'S RECORD

A. ABORTION AND FAMILY PLANNING

"The Senate Judiciary Committee reported out a Houseapproved Right To Life Memorial after hearing comments from
both sides. The final vote was 4 to 2 with Republican
Senators Sandra O'Connor of Paradise Valley and John
Roeder of Scottsdale voting against the memorial The
memorial calls on Congress to extend constitutional protections to unborn babies by prohibiting abortions. An
exception also would be made where the mother's life was
in peril."

--Phoenix Gazette, April 23, 1974

On April 29, 1970 then Senator O'Connor voted for H.B.

20, the abortion-on-demand bill in a 6 to 3 vote in the

Senate Judiciary Committee to report the bill for Senate

consideration. On April 30, she voted "yes" on a 10 to

6 vote in the Republican Majority Caucus to send the bill

to the Senate floor. The rule required a 2/3 affirmation

vote, so the bill was stopped by the caucus despite O'Connor's

support.

--Phoenix Republic, April 30, 1970

On February 8, 1973, she co-sponsored the Family Planning Act (S.B. 1190) that provides that "All medically acceptable family planning methods and information shall be readily and practicably available to any person in this state who requests such service or information, regardless of sex, race, age, income, number of children, marital status, citizenship or motive A physician may furnish family planning services to a minor who in the judgement of the physician is in special need of and requests such service. The consent of the parent, parents or legal guardian of the minor is not necessary to authorize such family planning services For the purpose of providing services pursuant to subsection A, the Department (State Department of Health) may contract with physicians, or organizations, public or private, engaged in providing family planning methods and information."

In May, 1974, she voted "no" on Rep. Jim Skelly's amendment to prohibit the performance of abortions at the taxpayer-supported University of Arizona Hospital.

B. EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

"State Senator Sandra O'Connor said yesterday she expects it will be 'several years' until three-fourths of the states approve the constitutional amendment passed yesterday by the (U.S.) House of Representatives giving equal rights to women under the law. 'Maybe this is a step in the right direction in the cause of securing equal rights for women,' said Senator O'Connor. 'I would certainly support the measure for approval by the State of Arizona.'" --Arizona Republic, August 1, 1970

"Arizona joined other states taking prompt action on the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution yesterday when Senator Sandra O'Connor (R) Paradise Valley, rose unexpectedly in the upper chamber and urged colleagues to pick up a dawdling legislative pace and approve the measure.

"Prepared with copies of the Citizens Advisory Council on the Status of Women's memorandum on ERA, Senator O'Connor said the amendment 'stands in the tradition of other great amendments to the U.S. Constitution.' The new freedoms, she added, also will impose new responsibilities. "Describing the ERA as an historic step in a tradition of women's liberation that commenced in the 19th century, she lightly anticipated a day five years hence when U.S. women would sit around a bridge table complaining about alimony they had to pay ex-husbands." --Phoenix Gazette, March 24, 1972.

On March 5, 1973, the Arizona Senate Judiciary Committee killed the ERA ratification resolution and then Senator O'Connor sponsored a bill to hold an advisory referendum on ERA. --Arizona Republic, March 6, 1973.

"It remains to be seen how this (Senator O'Connor becoming majority leader) will affect some of the women's measures she has sponsored in the past and was expected to sponsor again this year, including the Equal Rights

Amendment." --"At the Capitol" by Ginger Hutton

Arizona Republic, November 16, 1972

C. BIG GOVERNMENT

In 1972, Sen. O'Connor introduced S.B. 1068, establishing a Department of Economic Security. The bill created a new layer of bureaucracy, and, according to Senator Boyd Tenney, "resulted in the cost of government increasing faster than population and inflation."

Regarding S.B. 1068, Senator Hardt said: "This bill will do nothing except create some high paid positions that will be filled by appointments of the Governor, and

it will create a political plum for future Governors. As far as the people are concerned, nothing will be changed. Instead of streamling and saving costs, we are creating more bureaucracy that will raise our taxes."

Senator Giss said, "The concentration of power granted in this bill is one which this legislature will some day regret." (S.B. 1068 PASSED 20-9)

Since the passage of this bill the number of employees of the State of Arizona has increased from 21,953 to 37,310 or 70 per cent, while the population of the State has increased 50 per cent.

D. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1. Medicaid

In 1974, Mrs. O'Connor's brother-in-law, Senator Scott Alexander, attempted to move a bill through the Senate Appropriations Committee to provide medical assistance to certain Arizona citizens. At the time, Alexander worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The bill (S. B. 1268) was killed twice in the Appropriations Committee with Chairman Boyd Tenney casting the deciding vote. Alexander was, at the same time, pushing S.B. 1165 providing Medicaid and catastrophic health insurance. (S.B. 1165 authorized the state to contract with private insurance carriers to provide coverage.)

According to Senator Boyd Tenney, Alexander knew the bill would die in the Appropriations Committee, and therefore got sister-in-law O'Connor (then Senate Majority Leader) to bypass the Appropriations Committee and bring the bill to a vote on the Senate floor. The Medicaid bill passed, but never received an appropriation. Incidentally, Arizona is the only state that does not provide Medicaid. The bill had NEVER received an appropriation.

AUTOMOBILE DEALERS

In 1973 Sen. O'Connor voted for a bill (S.B. 1257) providing for the licensing of motor vehicle distributors and dealers. (Sen. O'Connor's husband was, at the time, a director of Westward Pontiac and Charlie Rossie Ford.) Senator Baldwin offered the following explanation for his NO vote on Senate Bill 1257:

"I cannot support this bill, which still has the cloud of unconstitutionality hanging over it. By its passage, we make the superintendant of the Motor Vehicle Division the sole judge and jury over whom shall be licensed to sell new automobiles in this state instead of allowing freedom of choice. It puts the state in the business of interfering with the heretofore free contractual negotiations between manufacturer and dealer. Once we start this action for auto dealers - where do we stop? The state has no business

meddling in this area!

"The consumer will suffer by having to pay extra for his automobile by paying for the dealer's preparation charges and by less competition in the marketplace. You will find the present dealers locking themselves in and preventing new competition. It's an overkill approach to solve a few minor problems and will hurt more people than it will help."

In the same year, Sen. O'Connor voted with the minority against a bill prescribing conditions and purposes of bond required of vehicle dealers. The bill (H.B. 2188) increased the amount of the surety bond required to be posted to obtain a motor vehicle dealer's or wrecker's license.

III. ADMINSTRATION REWRITES THE RECORD

A. Counselor to the President Ed Meese quoted Sandra O'Connor as personally finding abortion abhorrent. He said that she originally had been for the ERA but was now against it.

(Phillis Schlafly insists that Sandra O'Connor at no time publicly recanted her pro ERA position.) Meese further said that Judge O'Connor favors legislation against abortion, that she supported the Republican platform on all moral and family issues and that she was totally behind the Reagan principles and ideals concerning the family and morality.

(However, the New York Times, on July 16, reported the following: "According to the Associated Press, Sen. Charles

Mathaissaid he learned during his 40 minute meeting with Mrs. O'Connor that she believes Supreme Court justices should follow existing High Court rulings, including those on abortion.")

B. Ken Star's memorandum to the Attorney General quoted Judge O'Connor as having "no recollection" of how she voted on the Family Planning Act bill in 1973 or the abortion-on-demand bill in 1970, two of the hottest political bills in Arizona history. The Star memorandum further credits Judge O'Connor with saying "she knows well the Arizona leader of the Right To Life movement, a prominent female physician in Phoenix, and has never had any disputes or controversies with her". Yet the head of the Arizona Right To Life movement, Dr. Carolyn Gerster, maintains that she and Judge O'Connor were always in an adversary position.

IV. ADMINISTRATION HAD AMPLE WARNING

A. Former Arizona Sen. Trudy Camping, who served in the Senate with Mrs. O'Connor, sent a packet of information to Lyn Nofziger's office which showed Mrs. O'Connor's record as being pro abortion and pro ERA, among other things.

Mrs. Camping confirmed that both Joan Sweetland and Rose Marie Monk of Mr. Nofziger's office said they saw the information on Monday, July 6, the day prior to the announcement of Judge O'Connor's nomination.

B. Dr. J. C. Wilke, President of the National Right To
Life Committee, submitted to the White House on Thursday,
June 25, a list of potential male and female candidates
arranged in two columns as acceptable and as unacceptable
to the Right To Life movement. This was submitted in two
envelopes, one addressed to President Reagan and the other,
to Edwin Meese and Edwin Thomas. These were delivered to
Mr. Meese's private secretary at the West gate of the
White House. On that list Sandra O'Connor was listed as
not acceptable.

When it became apparent on June 2 that Sandra O'Connor was a serious candidate Dr. Wilke assembled available data on her record and delivered it to Mr. Meese's secretary.

In a follow-up telephone call, Dr. Wilke was told that

Mr. Meese and Mr. Thomas had read the letter and was assured that the President would receive the letter.

On Friday, July 3, Dr. Wilke delivered another letter to Mr. Meese's secretary refining and up-dating the information of the previous day, including Mrs. O'Connor's proabortion voting record. Dr. Wilke was assured that this letter would go directly to Mr. Meese.

V. <u>IMMORAL ACT AND BAD POLITICS</u>

For the President to turn his back on a key commitment to the Right To Life movement is immoral. The attempt by the White House to white-wash Judge O'Connor's record

doesn't make it any less so. In fact it compounds the crime by adding the element of hypocrisy.

The bad politics is elementary. The erosion of an incumbent's political base is unwise, and in this case, totally unnecessary. A cross section of all political surveys show that between 25 to 35 per cent of the American people are anti-abortion, and with this group abortion is the number one issue.

Most of these are Democrats who crossed over to vote Republican in 1980. They may not be back in 1982.

Of the 50 per cent who the polls show for abortion,

35 per cent doesn't feel strongly about it and cast its

vote according to other issues. The 15 per cent who strongly

favor abortion wouldn't vote for Ronald Reagan under any

circumstances.

When Ted Kennedy and Tip O'Neil immediately rejoiced in Judge O'Connor's nomination, it was a signal to the entire Christian community to be alert - something had to be amiss.

IV. OPTIONS

- A. Recall Judge O'Connor on the grounds that she misrepresented herself to the President.
- B. Reorganize the White House staff to prevent a similar occurance, and gain the approval of the Right To Life people on the reorganization.
- C. Risk the erosion of the President's majority co-alition.

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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This is to add my support to your choice of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor for Justice of the United States Supreme Court. I feel it is an excellent decision.

Sincerely,

Mary Keith Ballantine
State Representative

23rd District

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