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Sincerely,

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12/2/2003

Dear Mr. President:

Greetings from Libertyville, Illinois. I am writing this letter to let you know my thoughts on the abortion issue. I am sure that you get countless letters each and everyday and I thank you for taking the time out to read mine.

Abortion is a hot topic in any class or governmental meeting and even though I may be 18 years old and a senior at Carmel High School, I have some thoughts on the topic as well. I am a strong believer in the pro-life campaign and I am happy to see that you are pro-life as well. Coming from a devout Catholic family, I have grown up with the belief that life begins at conception and from that moment on, this creation is not merely a fetus, but a real human being with a soul and a full life ahead of them. It is a terrible thing to let this precious life go to waste at the expense of a mother who just simply does not feel like carrying her child.

In the constitution it says that every human being is equal and has rights. Why should it be any different with a baby? This baby may be small and not yet capable to understand the meaning of this concept, but one day it will be big and strong and well able to understand. No one has the right to take this opportunity away from the child.

In some cases, this baby may be the victim of a rape or a teen pregnancy. Some people believe that this is a justified reason for taking the life of an innocent child. Well, Mr. President, they are clearly mistaken. The baby is at no fault for the mistakes of the parents. The child may be tainted with a birth not like most people, but this does not carry on through out life. This baby has every chance and opportunity as a child born in a family. It is a travesty that babies die so ignorant teens will avoid embarrassment or punishment. It is a little thing called responsibility for your actions- Teens of the world, Try IT!

I hope that abortion may some day be illegal. It's odd to think that in a country where we consistently try to prolong life and make life better in general, we allow killing. Correct me if I'm wrong but isn't killing someone illegal?

Whatever way this issue goes in the years to come, I will be praying for all the unborn babies and babies who have died and gone to heaven because of an abortion. It's a child, not a choice.

P.S. Mr. President, I'm Forrest David Laidley's daughter. I understand that you two were roommates in college at Yale and were also in Skull and Bones together. Very cool. My dad has all good things to say about you and we also attended your inauguration. Good luck with everything- we are praying for you!

Sincerely,

Maura Laidley

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