September 2, 2008

Dear Friend:

Idaho now faces a critical election. I write to ask that you join me in the battle of protecting preborn children by helping elect Jim Risch to the United States Senate.

Jim Risch has been my friend for many years. He has supported and voted for key prolife legislation for over twenty years. I know. I have watched him and kept in touch with him about legislation, including the effort to improve the quality of information women receive before undergoing an abortion. He supported an enactment of an Idaho ban on Partial Birth abortions. He, too, has effectively supported a strong Parental Consent law in this state, and a fetal homicide statute. Wherever possible, Jim Risch has been a strong leader for Life.

Going back to the 1980s, Jim Risch has helped efforts to restrict abortions. In fact, the first informed consent bill passed in Idaho was actually carried by Jim when he served as the Majority Leader and President Pro Tempore of the Idaho Senate.

Jim is an effective leader with proven experience in the legislative arena in the effort to end legalized abortion.

These are the reasons I know in my heart that Jim will make a great U.S. Senator for Idaho. His experience, his commitment, and his high energy and intelligence will make him a strong national prolife leader upon entering the United States Senate.

Effective, hard-working, experienced, intelligent, and energetic. Yes, all of that is true. However, you and I both know that we have a fight on our hands to get him elected.

Jim’s pro-abortion opponent, Larry LaRocco, has already raised over $600,000 in his bid to win Idaho’s Senate seat. As of last month, he was showing $204,000 in the bank. As you know from media reports and national prolife leaders, the pro-abortion lobby has a huge monetary advantage over the pro-life lobby as we move through the summer months.

Also, don’t forget the overwhelming financial edge that the pro-abortion Democratic candidate, Barack Obama, holds in the presidential contest. His massive financial machine will allow Obama to share resources with targeted campaigns in Idaho.

Larry LaRocco has begun collecting individual and PAC donations from the pro-abortion lobby. His last filed finance report shows a big donation from NARAL—National Abortion Rights Action League—a financial clubhouse founded and funded by the Nation’s largest abortionists.
LaRocco can expect continued support from the Abortion Lobby because of his proven commitment to abortion-on-demand in this state and in the Nation.

When LaRocco served in Congress for a few years in the 1990s, he regularly voted with the Abortion Lobby. One key vote was his support of permitting abortions on U.S. military bases.

LaRocco also supported allocating millions of taxpayer dollars for Planned Parenthood—while opposing efforts to limit federal funding so that Planned Parenthood would not use federal funds for abortions.

LaRocco voted to restrict our right to prayerfully and peacefully gather around abortion clinics in exercising our First Amendment rights. Is there any wonder why the Abortion Lobby is so anxious to support his candidacy for the U.S. Senate?

As the above demonstrates, you and I have a dramatic choice this fall—probably one of the most important votes cast in a lifetime. You can send a strong pro-life leader to Washington, or we can allow a pro-abortion candidate to vote against us in the Senate.

I cannot sit back and allow that to happen. That is why I am writing. Please join with me and my family in making a generous donation today to the Risch for Senate Campaign.

With the national political scene in turmoil, America needs ethical, energetic, intelligent, and strong leadership if we are to move this country ahead in the long struggle to protect women, families, and preborn children from the devastation of abortion. It is entirely possible that the balance in the U.S. Senate may depend on Jim Risch's vote to block pro-abortion nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court.

With the national stakes so high, with the current political mindset, and with the need for real leadership that speaks the truth, Jim's race for the Senate is one we certainly cannot take for granted.

Please. Take the time. Now. Volunteer to help Jim's campaign. Pray. Write a check to the Risch campaign. Whatever you do to help is no less than an investment in the future. Your contribution will help Jim Risch—a Pro-life leader—to be elected U.S. Senator who will represent you, your family, and our great State of Idaho. It is an investment in America at a key juncture for women, families, and babies. Simply stated, let's make sure Jim Risch has the resources he needs to mobilize Idaho's Pro-life majority this fall!

Thank you for your time and faithful support. Together we can help send a good man and an effective leader to our Nation's Capital city.

Jim Risch will be a United States Senator that we will always be proud of.

Thank-you and God bless you,

Sincerely,

KERRY UHLENKOTT

Paid for by Jim Risch for U.S. Senate Committee
Dear Fellow Prolife Supporter:

We are in the midst of an historic election season. After years of conservative government, it seems that the national pendulum is beginning to swing back. You can see signs of liberal momentum in the vast sums of money being generated by the Obama campaign and various Democratic committees.

A lot of that swing is just a natural part of the political process. Some folks begin to think that the grass on the other side is magically greener than when we last lived under a liberal rule.

But you and I know that such talk is just illusion.

America does best when freedom is the watchword—when folks are able to pursue their dreams and ideas without government intrusion or regulation.

And America’s families do best when traditional values are respected by Congress and the federal judiciary.

I decided to run for the United States Senate because I believe I can make a BIG difference in protecting Idaho’s way of life and our core values.

As your voice in Washington, I can—and will—work overtime each day to limit the damage done to Idaho and America by this wave of liberal delusion.

There is no Idaho value more dear to my heart than protecting women and babies from abortion.

During my long career in the Idaho State Senate, it has been my privilege to carry many pro-life pieces of legislation—bills which are now law. One of the most memorable battles came in the 1998 session, when I carried the legislation which would ban all partial birth abortions in Idaho.

That battle sticks in my mind because of the horror we all had to confront in considering the brutality of ending a baby’s life even while he or she is in the process of being born. That was an emotional and tough fight on the Senate floor—but I am glad to say that we prevailed. It was worth every hour of time we spent preparing for a grueling floor fight.

At the same time—the great effort to enact a Ban on Partial Birth Abortions also brings to mind the disappointment we all felt when federal courts frustrated the people’s will by finding the Ban to be “unconstitutional.”

You and I both know how important the federal judiciary is to our long-term goal of ending abortion in America.
Given my legal background and long legislative experience with the abortion issue—I know I can make a substantial difference as a member of the United States Senate. With some pundits calling for a gain of 4-6 Democrat seats in the Senate—every pro-life vote is going to be critically important.

But given the growing resources of my “pro-choice” opponent, I am going to need your help in winning this crucial election.

These campaigns for federal office are incredibly expensive.

Literature, mail and television will cost a great deal of money—and we will need to be competitive if we are to properly defend our values in this coming election. Idaho voters must be told of the stark differences between my opponent and me. They must understand the great threat posed by my opponent’s value system.

I am confident that if we get that message before our neighbors—they will once again show the common sense and wisdom for which the state is rightly renowned. They will reject the glitz and rhetoric of liberalism. They will rise up to defend families and our proven values.

But to get there—I need your help.

Would you take a moment today, while the impulse is fresh, to write a check to our campaign? Whatever you can afford to send would be greatly appreciated, and so would your prayers.

As your Senator, I assure you that I will take every opportunity to defend America’s preborn children.

Together we can return to America’s respect for life.

Thank you for your consideration and help in this great campaign to restore our nation’s greatness.

Very truly yours,

JAMES E. RISCH

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LAROCCHO KEY VOTES 1991-1994

ABORTION

▷ Larocco Voted To Fund The United Nations Population Fund Despite The Programs’ Support For China’s Coercive Birth Limitation Program

- Larocco voted in favor of the Kostmayer, D-Pa., amendment to the Smith, R-N.J., amendment, to preserve the $20 million in funding for the United Nations population fund (UNFPA), which supports family-planning programs in many countries. The Smith amendment would have removed the funding on the grounds that the UNFPA operates in China, which uses forced abortions and involuntary sterilization as means of family planning. (Adopted 234-188: R 40-121; D 193-67; I 1-0)\(^1\)

- “The Government of the United States is disappointed that the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has decided to continue to provide financial and technical assistance to the Chinese birth limitation program under the direction of China’s National Population and Family Planning Commission.”

 “UNFPA should insist that all coercion end in the counties where it operates. Chinese birth limitation laws and policies are inconsistent with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and with the commitments undertaken by the Government of China at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development.”\(^2\)

▷ Larocco Opposed Parental Notification Requirements

- Larocco voted against a motion to recommit to the House Energy and Commerce Committee the bill with instructions to report it back with an amendment to federally funded Title X clinics to give parents 48 hours’ notice before performing an abortion on a minor. (Motion rejected 179-243: R 138-34; D 41-208 (ND 26-141, SD 15-67); I 0-1)\(^3\)

▷ Larocco Voted To Allow Federal Funds To Be Used For Abortion And Abortion Counseling

- Larocco voted for adoption of the conference report to reauthorize Title X of the Public Health Service Act for five years through fiscal 1997. The bill would overturn the administration’s "gag rule" and thus allow abortion counseling at federally funded family planning clinics. (Adopted 251-144: R 48-102; D 202-42; I 1-0)\(^4\)

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\(^1\) HR 2508, CQ Vote #148, June 12, 1991
\(^2\) “UNFPA China Program,” United States Department of State, June 24, 2005
\(^3\) HR 670, CQ Vote #106, March 25, 1993
\(^4\) S 323, CQ Vote #375, Aug. 6, 1992
LaRocca voted for passage, over President Bush's veto Sept. 25, of the bill to reauthorize Title X of the Public Health Service Act through fiscal 1997. The bill would overturn the administration's "gag rule" and require women with unintended pregnancies to receive "non-directive counseling" on all options, including abortion. (Rejected 266-148: R 56-107; D 209-41; I 1-0)⁵

LaRocca voted for passage of the bill to allow military personnel and their dependents to receive abortions at overseas military facilities at their own expense. (Passed (thus clearing the bill for the president) 220-186: R 35-121; D 184-65; I 1-0)⁶

LaRocca voted for passage of the bill to authorize $238 million in fiscal 1994 and $270.5 million in fiscal 1995 for Title X family planning programs at clinics. The bill would codify the Clinton administration's lifting of the gag rule that prohibited staff at federally funded clinics from discussing abortion. (Passed 273-149: R 51-121; D 221-28; I 1-0)⁷

LaRocca voted against an amendment to prohibit funds in the bill from being spent for an abortion except when it is made known that it is a case of rape, incest or necessity to save the life of the mother. (Adopted in Committee of the Whole 255-178: R 157-16; D 98-161; I 0-1)⁸

LaRocca voted against on a separate vote at the request of Armey, R-Texas, on the amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole offered by Hyde, R-III., to prohibit funds in the bill from being spent for an abortion except when it is made known that it is a case of rape, incest or necessity to save the life of the mother. (Adopted 256-171: R 157-16; D 99-154; I 0-1)⁹

LaRocca Voted To Make It More Difficult To Hold Peaceful Protests At Abortion Clinics

LaRocca voted for the adoption of the conference report to establish federal criminal and civil penalties for persons who use force, the threat of force or physical obstruction to block access to abortion clinics. (Adopted 241-174: R 40-131; D 200-43; I 1-0)¹⁰

- The ACU describes this as a “vote on a bill to make peaceful obstruction as well as violent intimidation outside abortion clinics a federal crime subject to civil damage awards.”¹¹

⁵ S 323, CQ Vote #452, Oct. 2, 1992
⁶ S 3144, CQ Vote #458, Oct. 3, 1992
⁷ HR 670, CQ Vote #107, March 25, 1993
⁸ HR 2518, CQ Vote #307, June 30, 1993
⁹ HR 2518, CQ Vote #309, June 30, 1993
¹⁰ S 636, CQ Vote #159, May 5, 1994

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