

New Hampshire Right to Life

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**Political Action
Committee**

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Dear Pro-Life Republican State Committee Members:

A **BIG CONGRATS** for earning a seat on the NH Republican State Committee (NHRSC)!

You are now empowered to be a **proactive, pro-life Republican!**

You face a decision: whether or not to lend your voice to the voiceless unborn and their troubled mothers. I dearly plead with you to help defend every **LIFE** at every opportunity because unborn babies are voiceless orphans. Their mothers seek "termination", and their fathers, even if around, are not legally empowered to intervene. Since the NH legislature repeatedly stops parental consent and notification bills, the baby's grandparents are left out too.

Abortion-on-demand is now 30 years old and some one in three women have endured abortions. It is the most common "surgical" procedure in America where one baby dies about every 21 seconds, yet it is the most un-regulated. One in four pregnancies end in abortion (not even counting abortifacient drugs like The Pill, Norplant, etc.), and well over 43 million innocents have died on the altar of "choice" since Roe v Wade and Doe v. Bolton.

Yet there are none so blind as those who will not see, and of those that do see, there are fewer still who will act. Of those who act, some will merely *feign and claim* leadership. Precious few embark on principled leadership when the sacrifices and costs of making the tough decisions are apparent. By virtue of your efforts and subsequent election to the NH Republican State Committee, you are a leader, and leaders **lead from the front, always by example**.

Pro-life Republicans cannot expect to lead the nation towards a pro-life ethic if we cannot even lead, by example, our own Party. Ours is the Party of Lincoln; the Party which led and bled during the fight against another inhumanity, slavery.

Most of you reading this know that we NH pro-life Republicans have persistently promoted the "**Lambert Amendment**" within the NH Republican Party. It prohibits giving NHRSC money to candidates or nominees who refuse to help us end the heinous and bloody partial birth abortion (PBA). Lambert has been passed **THREE CONSECUTIVE TIMES** ('98, '00, & '02) by the NH Republican State Conventions, and it is **finally** written into the non-binding NHGOP Platform.

Alas, in the recent election cycle, our NH GOP Leadership declined to honor the Lambert Amendment in the Platform. Many, many thousands of NHGOP dollars (often donated by pro-lifers) were spent by the GOP leadership promoting candidates who support unregulated partial birth infanticide, as well as general abortion-on-demand. Yet not a GOP dime was spent by this leadership on any pro-life press release, or a pro-life advertisement, or a pro-life brochure, or promoting any of the pro-life bills introduced last session (as far as I know, and I look hard for evidence). There was not a breath for the right to life in any of some eight editions of our colorful newsletter, the Granite State Republican. The NHGOP leadership effectively adopted a don't-ask-don't-tell position on the right to life. I never once caught our Party leaders bringing up the right to life spontaneously, albeit if queried by the press, it was acknowledged. Undiscerning leadership on virtual infanticide ought not get a wink-and-nod from we NHRSC members. Just as Jefferson sought to bind down mischievous men by the chains of the Constitution, so too we pro-life Republicans need to bind down our leaders with the Lambert by-law. With Lambert as a by-law, pro-life NHGOP leaders won't be tempted to sell their pro-life soul just to get another "-R" into the legislative roster.

This Saturday, January 25, the Lambert Amendment will come before you as a proposed NHRSC by-law. What will you do with your delegated authority? Will you use your wisdom and courage, or the exit door? Will you open your eyes to see the orphan babies, or will you shun the babies and moms? Will you sleep well Saturday night, or will you lie pondering what you should have said and done?

A 2/3 vote is required to make a by-law change. Help us pass the Lambert Amendment. The time has come.

TACTICAL DETAILS

- 1) **YOUR EFFORT:** There is a collection of "Talking Points" supporting the Lambert Amendment (and responding to our video-taped critics) on the NHRTL-PAC webpage, www.nhrtl.org/pac Please review those notes.
- 2) **YOUR VOICE:** Contact fellow NHRSC members and coach them towards supporting Lambert. The entire roster of eligible NHRSC voters appears on the NHGOP homepage, www.nhgop.org Communicating your support for Lambert to others will prepare you for speaking at the NHRSC meeting Saturday.
- 3) **YOUR COMMITMENT:** I'd like to hear from each of you who has committed to speak for Lambert. Our pro-life messages would be more meaningful to the undecided if we organized our presentation into several themes. Therefore, please call me at 603.887.3731 or send an e-mail to life@nhrtl.org to advise me of your commitment to help. I'll keep you up to date on the view from here as the meeting date approaches.
- 4) **YOUR PRAYERS:** I would be a fool to suggest we can pass Lambert without God's grace changing many more hearts than we have thus far identified as supporters. Conversely, I would be foolish to give up knowing the terrific support for Lambert we have already seen at the Conventions and County Caucuses. Alas, some of our pro-life Republican friends have been washed out by the process of running for this RSC. In effect, they are looking to those of us who made it onto the RSC to continue promoting Lambert. If you're a Believer, you know we must be faithful, and leave the winning to Him. So be it. There is a helpful quote for times like these: *"Pray like it's all up to God, and work like it's all up to you."* Please lend your earnest prayers and ask that His righteous will be done.
- 5) **YOUR PRESENCE:** Please attend the Republican State Committee meeting on SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 at the Concord Capitol Center for the Arts, 10am. I'd appreciate pro-lifers arriving earlier -- like 9:15 -- so we can prepare ourselves and so we can lobby our undecided friends to support Lambert. Please oppose any efforts to dilute or table the Lambert Amendment, and please help me obtain a roll call vote if it comes to that. I know the day is wearisome, difficult work, but Gen. George Patton said, *"A pint of sweat saves a gallon of blood."* Let's consider it work on behalf of the babies at risk.

Our culture has woefully substituted responsible "Liberty" for a "License" to abort unwanted babies with the most extreme kind of a barbaric procedure. We, however, are now empowered by God through our great Republican Party to speak up and stand up in unity for Life. Let's "stand in the gap" against a most wretched and barbarous culture where women are tempted to kill their own flesh and blood. Let's financially enable only Republican candidates who believe in heartfelt compassion for both mothers and babies.

If you have questions, concerns, or wise counsel for me, please feel free to contact me. I welcome calls from those of you who are considering voting against Lambert too.

His Peace to you,

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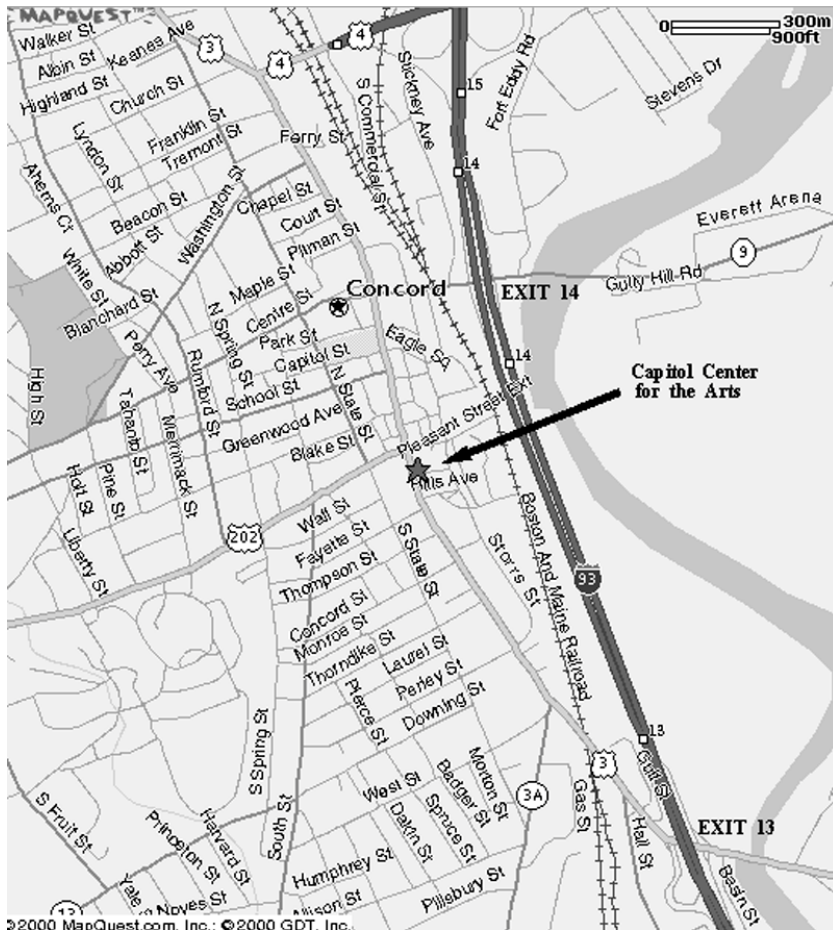
Republican State Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 25, 2003
 Proceedings start at 10:00AM
(Please come earlier – 9:15AM would be great!)

Capitol Center for the Arts
 44 South Main Street
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DIRECTIONS

The Capitol Center for the Arts is located in historic downtown Concord, New Hampshire:

From south	points	Take 93 North to Exit 13 (Manchester Street exit:). Take a left at the bottom of the ramp. Continue straight as Manchester Street changes to South Main Street. Proceed approximately one mile to CCA on left, at the corner of South Main and Concord Streets.
From north	points	Take 93 South to Exit 13 (Manchester Street exit). Take a right at the bottom of the ramp. Continue straight as Manchester Street changes to South Main Street. Proceed approximately one mile to CCA on left, at the corner of South Main and Concord Streets.
From points west		Take 89 South to the Concord exit, onto 93 North and follow directions from "points south" (above).
From points east		Take Route 4 West onto I-393 toward Concord. Take 93 South to Exit 13 and follow directions from "points north" (above).
From southwest NH		Take Route 3 North to 293 North to 93 North and follow directions from "points south" (above).



PARKING: Free on-street parking is available on Saturdays on Main Street. Free parking is also available on Concord Street and Storrs Street. From the CCA, take Theatre Street (directly across from the CCA) down the hill to Storrs Street. A public parking garage is located three blocks away - between North State and Warren Streets. Another is located on North State Street, next to the YMCA

SAMPLE "TALKING POINTS" IN SUPPORT OF "LAMBERT RESOLUTION"

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Please feel free to bring your own points!

- [1] **Reference the items listed in the text** of the attached "**Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws**"
- [2] Here is the **Pro-life Plank** accepted by the 1996 and 1998 NH GOP Convention. How can the GOP "not fund organizations which advocate" abortion, but still fund CANDIDATES who act and vote to allow PBA?
- "We believe the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We therefore support a human life amendment to the Constitution, and we endorse legislation to make clear that the 14th Amendment's protections apply to unborn children. We oppose using public revenues for abortion and will not fund organizations which advocate it. We commend those who provide alternatives to abortion by meeting the needs of the mothers and offering adoption services. We reaffirm our support for appointment of judges who respect traditional family values and the sanctity of innocent human life. [...] We will work to bar the use of public funds to fund or promote abortion. Ban partial birth abortion."
- [3] **The issue is NOT moot** within our Party when/because Pres. George W. Bush will sign the federal PBA ban. The Stenberg vs. Carhart Supreme Court decision looked at the PBA ban signed into law in Nebraska. Stripping away the legalese, the Court concluded such PBAs could **not** be banned. Therefore, even if Bush signs such a bill into law, the Court will soon see fit to declare that PBA language unconstitutional. The NHGOP should not financially reward candidates who want to keep PBAs legal while the federal PBA legislation plays out in the courts again.
- [4] **The issue is NOT divisive to our Party**. This exact same charge was leveled at pro-lifers when we first began introducing the above Pro-life Plank in the 1980's, yet the Party flourished during the Reagan and Bush Sr. years. Furthermore, at the September 24, 2000 NHGOP Convention, Chairman Steve Duprey said, "*I think it's the strength and pride of this party that we can have this discussion.*" The Democrats don't have this discussion because "pro-choice" is a defining principle of their party. Pro-lifers need not apply.
- [5] **Lambert-style limitations on funding are NOT going to be copied on other issues** (like gambling or firearms, etc.) Even Tim Lambert, the Texas RNC Committeeman who originated this idea, knows of no other attempt in any state to adopt a Lambert-style limitation on funding for other issues. Challenge those who charge such copy-cat attempts to identify even one example in even one state.
- [6] **There ARE high-ranking Republicans in New Hampshire who have voted against pro-life PBA bans!** During the 2000 NHGOP Convention debate over Lambert, many anti-Lambert speakers insisted that virtually all elected GOP representatives were against PBA anyhow, so why pass Lambert? It turns out that the following high ranking Republicans who ran in 2000 voted against an attempt to ban PBAs:
Rep. Jeb Bradley, Sen. Leo Fraser, Sen. Ned Gordon, Sen. Jim Squires, and Sen. Rick Russman.
Nearly 30 Republican Representatives voted against the 2000 PBA ban attempted. In the NH House, that pro-life attempt was defeated 185 to 176 -- a mere 9 votes. Obviously some of these NH GOPers were getting some RSC funding (directly or indirectly).
- [7] **The "Primary" is NOT the proper place to decide which candidates get RSC funding**. Opponents of the Lambert Amendment have said that GOP Primaries are a better way to see who gets funding. They say, "Vote for pro-life candidates if you want or vote for pro-choicers if you want, and to the victor belong the spoils." The **Tom Alciere debacle** is the best way to see why the Primary process is not appropriate. The financial support coming from the RSC must be discerning and targeted within the context of the big picture, not just a blanket entitlement.

A LONG COLLECTION OF MORE TALKING POINTS IS AT www.nhrtl.org/pac

For Republican Principles

Pursuant to Article VIII of the NHGOP By-Laws, I hereby propose the following amendment to be added to Article VII of the NHGOP By-Laws. This "Lambert Amendment" has been passed into the NH GOP Platform by the Convention three times, so it is time the NHRSC honored the will of the rank-and-file Republicans and adopted it as a by-law.

WHEREAS the procedure known as a "partial birth abortion" is a heinous act and is rightly described by the 1996 National Republican Platform as "four-fifths infanticide,"

WHEREAS a committee of the American Medical Association has denounced this procedure,

WHEREAS the Republican-controlled U.S. Congress has passed legislation by a huge majority with BI-partisan support that would end this travesty,

WHEREAS polls show the American people oppose this procedure by large margins, even among those who are pro-choice,

WHEREAS former President Clinton has vetoed this legislation, and the Bush Administration is still unable to ban the procedure,

WHEREAS the Republican Committees of seven other states have adopted, and some 43 members of the Republican National Committee have formally supported the intent of this measure,

WHEREAS the NH GOP Platform calls for a ban on the procedure but continues to provide money and in-kind contributions to candidates who defend such abortions,

WHEREAS even more justifications for this measure appear at <http://www.nhrtl.org/pac>

WHEREAS, this resolution was passed by the 1998 NHGOP Convention by a vote of 268 to 155, and it passed the 2000 NHGOP Convention by a vote of 158 to 112 , and it passed the 2002 NHGOP Convention by a vote of 167 to 149 ,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ADDED TO THE NHRSC BYLAWS:

The New Hampshire Republican State Committee shall not support financially or by in-kind contributions any candidate or nominee of this party who opposes measures to end so-called partial-birth abortions.

By my signature, I attest that I am a member of the 2002-2003 Republican State Committee and that I propose the above changes to be made to the NH RSC BYLAWS that govern the NHGOP.
Submitted by Sandown NHGOP Town Committee Chairman:



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