

Pro-Lambert Introduction Appealing for Lambert as a BY-LAW
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Republican Friends:

To be sure, we APPEAR to be a unified celebratory “Party” what with the hoopla and speeches. That illusion is only achieved because of diluting what we stand together for...it’s a consequence of careful abstraction...a manifestation of the desire to belong...the age old human version of the herd mentality. Sure, I’m all for Unity – but I seek unity of principle and purpose, not hollow, symbolic unity.

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. While all abortions yield a dead baby and a wounded mother, the practice of partial birth abortion is particularly gruesome. I’ll spare you the details because I think you’ve seen the drawings with your eyes, if not with your hearts.

This proposed by-law change, the Lambert Amendment, seeks to stop Republican funding and in-kind support of those candidates who oppose efforts to ban partial birth abortions. Such evil abortions cannot be glossed over in this abstracted, have-a-sunny-day world.

Republican leaders in many, many high ranking positions, even Gov. Craig Benson and President Bush, have insisted that it is time to restore the right to life. I assert our Party cannot lead a nation to be more respectful of innocent life if we cannot lead our own Party in that direction. Our Party cannot move down that road if we simultaneously finance candidates who block the road. So after 30 years of promises, rhetoric, and proclamations, I assert it’s time for this Party to put its money where its mouth is. A little self-consistency could restore undiluted meaning to the pro-life words of our party leaders.

I consequently want to address the three factions forming over this question.

To those of you who are so-called “pro-choice” and oppose this Lambert idea, I ask if you’re genuinely aware of the meaning of your word “choice”. Have you faced the photographs your ideology has wrought? Have you heard the sobs of women who exercised their woeful choice? Have you seen the empty playgrounds and pondered what has occurred? When was the last time you helped a woman make her choice for Life? When everything you say, and everything you stand for, and everything you do insures women can choose abortion, you’re not pro-choice, you’re pro-abortion. Do you know the day is coming when abortion will be categorized by humanity alongside practices like virgin sacrifice, prostitution, slavery, and cannibalism?

To those of you who wish this abortion question, and Lambert in particular would just go away, I remind you of the videotapes I made of past three past NHGOP Conventions where Lambert was PASSED three (3!) successive times. Many asserted Lambert would spell disaster for our Party. A careful look at recent election results should put your concerns to rest. Besides, fear of division was the exact same argument used with the original pro-life plank, and it passed some 6 years ago. Lambert has very specific goals. It’s not a reversal of Roe v. Wade for crying out loud, it merely stops the funding of candidates with bizarre motivations to keep partial birth infanticide legal.

To those of you who are pro-life, but oppose Lambert, please reconsider. After these 30 years, you need to see we keep being duped into Apathy. There's always some rationalization to not fight. There's always some reason not to do the right thing. There is always some other priority, isn't there? Some more important other issue to address. The timing of what the other pro-lifers are doing is wrong. The right people are not supporting it. It's not the right way to fight. It's not the most efficient way. We must change hearts first and the rest will follow, so let's wait. And my self-professing pro-life friends, that is how we've been stalled in pro-life progress for some 30 years. With abortion on demand every 21 seconds, tactical delays for one excuse or another are NOT helpful. The clock is not a measure of time, but of lives! I implore you to be proactively pro-life by joining with the babies for this Lambert by-law.

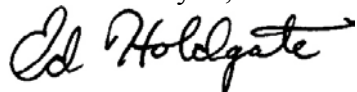
To those of you who are with the babies and support Lambert, I salute you. Your faithfulness will not go un-rewarded. In proactive pro-life work, we get to see the moms and babies spared from the sickle of "choice". We know their names, their sometimes difficult circumstances (or they wouldn't call on us for help), and we see their joy with their new baby. Many, many, many times we involved pro-lifers have witnessed women ponder why and how they could ever have even considered snuffing out their baby. Such tearful joy with cooing babies in arms is only the earthly reward for pro-life faithfulness.

To everyone here, it looks like a war is imminent. America rushes to defend people around the globe. We forfeit American lives and spend billions trying to save people in places like South Korea (48 million people), Bosnia (4 million people), Taiwan (22 million people), and Afganistan (28 million people). Now a war is imminent on behalf of the good and peaceful people of Iraq (24 million people). Our servicemen and women protect lives around the globe with military bases and fleets on the ocean. Yet there is a holocaust here at home of 1.4 million people a year. The point is that if we can spend so much effort and money on the rest of the world, we can find room in our hearts for these moms, and their babies if they decide to adopt away their child.

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 us financially enable only Republican candidates who believe in heartfelt compassion for both mothers and babies.

May God bless you all with vision of the heart.

His Peace to you,



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Planned Parenthood and pro-abortion organizations suck millions from taxpayers and charities like the United Way. By careful word-smithing they couple their work with their brand of “education” and build political machines to defend their own interests.

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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.