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Dear Michigan NOW Friends,

2006 was a very good year! The PAC was again helpful in reelecting Governor Granholm. Our endorsed candidate for the State Board of Education, Cassandra Ulbrich, won. The two MINOWPAC endorsed candidates for Regents of the University of Michigan are now serving there! We now have a veto-proof pro-choice minority in the Michigan State House! However, some of our pro-choice legislators are being subjected to recall with only months until the primaries and the next general election.

This year, only the State House is up for election. We need to help our more vulnerable incumbents and extend our reach to State House candidates who are trying to join their ranks. Several pro-choice women are set to replace pro-choice term-limited incumbents and at least two strong pro-choice women are set to take over anti-choice open seats! We must be prepared to back these women with our time and with our money.

Our voice is needed now more than ever. Our Senate has passed a ban on so-called "partial-birth" abortion (SB 776) that does not include an exception for the health of the mother. The definition used in the bill is so vague that a Michigan court could find that it bans some common abortion techniques used in early stages of pregnancy. Medical organizations opposed this ban when it was passed at the federal level because it took away some of the best methods they need to preserve a woman's health and future fertility. Our legislature is poised to make this a 2-year felony for physicians and other medical providers and allow private lawsuits against them.

As you know our state is racked with economic problems and this has erupted into the rest of the country. Michigan is third in foreclosures only behind Nevada and Florida. The legislature took over eight months to settle the budget. We need to remain a strong voice for women and families in the midst of these economic pressures!

Therefore, I again come and ask that you **help us keep the State House as supportive of choice and other women's rights issues as we can.** Let your local candidates know that they can fill out our candidate questionnaire to request endorsement at www.michnowpac.org. For clearly superior candidates, we may endorse before May, so an early request for endorsement could be helpful to them.

If we each do our share and contribute at least \$30 to MI NOW PAC, we will have ample funds to help the candidates who will help keep Michigan strong for women and families. If you can give more, please consider doing so; if a little less, every dollar will be well-spent with gratitude for your generosity. I thank each of you for your support of Michigan NOW through you membership and in advance for your consideration of our need to support candidates who support our issues.

Sincerely,

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