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Bill Clinton
Governor

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Arkansas Right To Life
P.O. Box 1697
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Dear Mrs.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to respond to the Arkansas Right to Life Questionnaire. However, most of the questions address federal issues outside the authority of a governor or the state.

Because many of the questions do concern the issue of abortion, I would like for your members to be informed of my position on the state's responsibility in that area. I am opposed to abortion and to government funding of abortions. We should not spend state funds on abortions because so many people believe abortion is wrong. I do support the concept of the proposed Arkansas Constitutional Amendment 65 and agree with its stated purpose. As I have said, I am concerned that some questions about the amendment's impact appear to remain unanswered.

Again, thank you for allowing me to share my position on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

May 26, 1987

Dayton, Tennessee

Dear:

Thank you for contacting my office recently regarding abortion legislation. I appreciate hearing from you.

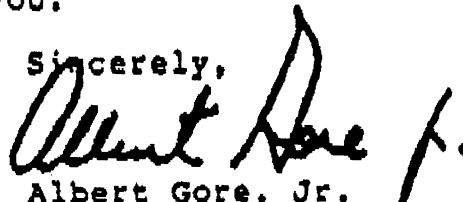
As you may know, H.R. 1729 was introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Henry Hyde on March 19, 1987. Its goal, which I share, is to reduce the outrageously large number of abortions which currently take place. It would prohibit the use of federal funds for abortions except when the life of the mother would be endangered. It also takes added steps to make certain the Title X family planning program does not promote abortions.

This House bill currently has 85 cosponsors, and it has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Similar legislation has not been introduced in the Senate.

During my 11 years in Congress, I have consistently opposed federal funding of abortions. In my opinion, it is wrong to spend federal funds for what is arguably the taking of a human life. Let me assure you that I share your belief that innocent human life must be protected, and I am committed to furthering this goal.

Again, thank you for letting me hear from you. I hope you will continue to share your views with me on other matters of concern to you.

Sincerely,



Albert Gore, Jr.
United States Senator