

Letter to American First Lady Michelle O'Bama
Urging her to reconsider her pro-abortion stance

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Dear First Lady Michelle,

First, let me say that it is indeed thrilling to see a black lady in the White House and you make a beautiful first lady.

However, I am extremely concerned about the negative effect the president's recent executive orders restoring funding for worldwide abortion will have. I have written to him, but I know that as a woman you understand these matters.

First Lady, our family has been personally and intimately connected with the needs of the poor in developing nations of Africa for the past 28 years. We have seen parents—many of them—who in moments of stress do extremely foolish things with and to their own children. We have seen them sold into slavery, into prostitution, kicked out to become street children, abandoned in garbage dumps, and more. As abortion becomes economically accessible, we can increasingly add that to the list of injuries. One of the problems is, though, that we also see these same parents live to regret the choices they made. We have seen some of these children who were kicked out reconciled to their families with joy. Now when parents in a moment of stress make the choice of aborting the child—oh, it's really only the mother who is given that choice, right?—there is no turning back, yet in our experience there is often deep regret and feelings of guilt and sorrow that last for years. We have just found it so damaging to mothers, aside from what it does to their children.

Your husband has said that it's above his "pay grade" to know when children developing in their mother's wombs deserve the protections our country affords its citizens. We sincerely hope and pray that both of you will rethink that position. The course you are now on is too damaging to women.

With many prayers for you both,

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