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CWV RESPONDS TO WASHINGTON GOV. CHRISTINE GREGOIRE'S CONTINUED PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR NARAL AND ABORTION

ALEXANDRIA, VA: On May 18, 2009, Catholic Gov. Christine Gregoire of the state of Washington attended NARAL Pro-Choice America's "Power of Choice Luncheon" fundraiser in Seattle. NARAL (formerly known as the National Abortion Rights Action League) organized the event specifically to honor the leadership of their retiring Washington State Executive Director, Ms. Karen Cooper.

During the event Gov. Gregoire is reported to have spoken very highly of Ms. Cooper for her work for NARAL promoting unrestricted abortion in the state of Washington and our country. Gov. Gregoire stated, "We are blessed to have had you as our great leader." And "Women across the state can be proud of your advocacy." She also made reference that there are many future unborn who will benefit from her (Ms. Cooper's) leadership.

Today, the Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A. want to ask Gov. Gregoire if being murdered is the "benefit" that these innocent unborn women and

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men (and quite possibly, future veterans) can look forward to as a result of NARAL's lobbying efforts and her continued support?

In time of war, Catholics are called with all other citizens to serve and defend the life of our nation. In responding to this call, veterans are acutely aware of the meaning, hope, and value of every human life. We are deeply saddened by Gov. Gregoire's continued support for abortion in the State of Washington and her continued public disregard for the teachings of our jointly held faith.

We would like to remind Gov. Gregoire and all Catholic politicians who publicly and knowingly support grave sin, such as abortion, that the Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura, Archbishop Raymond Burke, (the highest judicial authority in the Catholic Church under the Pope) in February of this year unequivocally stated that Canon Law is clear. They must be denied the Eucharist.

We extend an invitation to Gov. Gregoire to put aside political expediency and to discontinue her public cooperation and promotion of abortion. Should she persist in her support of NARAL and continue to advocate for abortion, we would ask her local Bishop to implement the proceedings mandated by Canon Law and deny her the ability to continue to scandalize the faithful.

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