

SUSAN B. ANTHONY LIST

Marjorie Dannenfelser
President

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Honorable Bob Casey, Jr.
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Casey,

In the past, Susan B. Anthony List and our tens of thousands of pro-life members in Pennsylvania and our hundreds of thousands of members across the country have greatly appreciated your votes and leadership on behalf of innocent human life. The Casey family carries with it a proud history of standing up for those who cannot speak for themselves. This has meant much to my family personally and to SBA List's vision generally. I have attempted in much of our SBA List's work to emulate your father's leadership, especially his articulation of the necessity to protect the weak. My husband left his job to work on your father's too-short presidential campaign. The Casey name is iconic across the nation. The continuation of that great tradition with your voice is critical.

As your father put it so eloquently, "the abortion debate is not about how we shall live, but who shall live; and more than that, it's about who we are." That is why I was proud to see that you had the courage to step forward and co-sponsor the Nelson Amendment.

After this amendment was defeated, the Susan B. Anthony List praised Senator Ben Nelson for declaring that, even if all his other concerns were rectified, he would oppose any bill that included taxpayer funding of elective abortions or health care plans that cover elective abortions. I know you have the strength to join him in this uncompromising stand, just as your father would have if he was still with us today.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the advertisement commissioned by the Susan B. Anthony List that is currently airing in Pennsylvania. It reminds voters of the unyielding stand that your father took against the abortion industry. It also urges them to encourage you to emulate his heroic stand.

Even now, the Senate leadership has conceded that they will consider a "pro-life compromise" provided that it still includes abortion funding. The Associated Press just reported that you have drafted a compromise that

Senator Nelson found unacceptable. As the negotiations continue, our members plead with you to follow the words of your father by publicly declaring that you refuse to build health care reform upon the broken backs of unborn babies. When you do, you can be sure that Susan B. Anthony List, all of our activists, and pro-lifers across the nation will decommission the advertisement and be in the trenches with you in this fight. The minute you take the uncompromising stand to oppose health care reform that contains abortion funding, we will be there to defend you, just as we defended your father for his courageous stands in defense of innocent human life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marjorie Dannenfelser". The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the text below it.

Marjorie Dannenfelser