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Dear Lifesaver,

In virtually every aspect of prolife work, we lead the entire country in protecting the unborn child and vulnerable women in crisis. Our accomplishments here in Michigan, which in many cases are without parallel, would simply be impossible without the support of the **Knights of Columbus**.

For decades, the Knights have stood with us through thick and thin. It is no exaggeration to say that the Knights of Columbus are one of our greatest allies!

Because you are a trusted partner in our lifesaving work, I feel at liberty to share with you what's on my heart.

Despite our best efforts, on September 8th the Michigan State Supreme Court ruled that **Proposal 3** is eligible to go to the ballot, for a public vote in the General Election, on Tuesday, November 8th.

Proposal 3 is the greatest threat to the sanctity of human life that we've ever faced. Everything we have worked for over the past 49 years is at stake between now and this historic vote.

Not only does our pro-abortion opposition want to <u>reinstate</u> Roe v. Wade in Michigan...they want to <u>expand</u> it! If they have their way, we will literally have the most brutal abortion law in the entire country.

We absolutely cannot let that happen!

But I must be honest with you...I'm very concerned! Unfortunately, thus far, as I crisscross the state, I am sensing a definite lack of urgency. If we are to emerge victorious on November 8th, it will take an unprecedented sacrifice of time, talent, and treasure.

The momentum is growing, but we are not there yet!

In this letter, rather than a description of projects and programs, I want to leave you with a powerful word picture that frames the challenge before us. But before I do that, I need to say this: you would have to go a long way to find **anyone** who is more pro law enforcement than I am! But what I'm about to describe to you breaks my heart.

With that statement as a backdrop, here goes...

On May 24th, a madman entered Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas. He was armed with an AR 15 and thousands of rounds of ammunition. Closed circuit video shows this individual going down the hall, disappearing into a fourth-grade classroom, and then opening fire.

A few minutes later, the same closed-circuit video shows the good guys arriving. Initially, it looks like they would engage the shooter. But instead, they retreat to the end of the hall...and they wait. They wait for someone else to do the job. Much to the dismay of the entire nation, they wait for 75 minutes while innocent children are slaughtered.

At one point, an officer casually walks across the hall to use hand sanitizer. He then strolls back to his position, nonchalantly rubbing his hands together while the shooting continues.

In the end, the shooter killed 19 fourth graders along with two teachers.

I tell you this heartbreaking story to make a point: I see the same lack of urgency, right now, regarding Proposal 3. Make no mistake about it...it's all on the line between now and November 8th! If we lose this vote, hundreds of thousands, if not millions of additional children will lose their lives in Michigan.

Too many of our fellow citizens are standing idly by, at the end of the hall, waiting for someone else to do the job while innocent children are being slaughtered.

True, this is a brutal analogy, but the result is the same: dead children!

God forbid we get caught standing idly by at the end of the hall, waiting for someone else to do the job. As you contemplate this vivid word picture, here's your clarion call to action:

- 1. Please! Make an emergency contribution today! We are now in the homestretch. We desperately need to compete with our pro-abortion opposition toe-to-toe. Use the enclosed pledge card and return envelope. Write a check. Charge your gift. Or use the QR code below. But whatever you do, do not hesitate for even a moment!
- 2. Make sure to cast your vote on November 8th. It doesn't matter whether you do it absentee or show up at your local precinct on election day. Cast your vote for life. Visit **RTL.org** for a list of endorsed candidates in your district.
- 3. Encourage everyone you know to join you! Talk to your family, your friends, your neighbors, and reach out to your pastor. Get your church community on board.
- 4. Contact your local Knight council or Right to Life of Michigan affiliate group. Volunteer to help us get out the vote!
- 5. Pray. Pray and fast!

Knights of Columbus, please join me as we rush down the hall to the rescue. Do not get caught standing idly by as they slaughter innocent children. We can't wait for someone else to do the job!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart! May God richly bless you for your love and concern for His unborn.



With deepest appreciation,

Barbara

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P.S. Make sure to visit <u>**RTL.org**</u> today and often for up-to-date reports and educational resources. You can also visit <u>**supportmiwomenandchildren.org**</u>, which is the official website of our ballot question committee. There isn't a moment to spare! We have to rush down the hall right away!





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