



Dear Potential "Project 535" member,

We are so pleased that you have expressed interest in Concerned Women for America's volunteer lobbying program! *Project 535*, named for the 535 members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, provides conservative women and like-minded men from across the country or in the Washington metro area with the opportunity to interact with and influence members of Congress. Membership in Project 535 requires completion of an application with the following items:

- General information
- Two references (one pastoral and one from a friend)
- Letter of introduction
- A signed personal statement of intent.

When you have completed your application packet, please *mail* it to my attention at the following address:

Concerned Women for America  
**Attn: Eva Arlia**  
National "Project 535" Coordinator  
1015 Fifteenth Street, N.W.  
Suite 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Also, when you give your reference forms to your pastor and friend, please ask them to mail those forms to me at the same address.

Project 535 is an exciting program and one that our volunteer lobbyists find very rewarding. We hope to receive your application soon! Even if you are not sure if you want to become a member, please feel free to come and join a lobby day. I assure you that you will learn a great deal and it will help you make your decision about whether or not "Project 535" is for you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (202) 488-7000 ext. 134.

Sincerely,

Eva Arlia  
National "Project 535" Coordinator

# Application for Project 535

Project 535 is a monthly volunteer lobbying program of Concerned Women for America. The purpose of Project 535 is to gather women and like-minded men who want to influence Capitol Hill for Biblical family values.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Level of participation in local church \_\_\_\_\_

Other organizations to which you belong

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Husband's name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Interests and/or hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

*I am a member of CWA.* \_\_\_\_\_

*I am now joining CWA with an enclosed donation of \$25* \_\_\_\_

## REFERENCES

I have given reference forms to the following individuals:

**Pastor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Friend:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(References should be mailed to Concerned Women for America.)

### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

The mission of CWA is to protect and promote Biblical values among all citizens ~ first through prayer, then education, and finally by influencing our society ~ thereby reversing the decline in moral values in our nation.

### ***VISION STATEMENT***

The vision of CWA is for women and like-minded men, from all walks of life, to come together and restore the family to its traditional purpose and thereby allow each member of the family to realize their God-given potential and be more responsible citizens.

### ***STATEMENT OF FAITH***

We believe the Bible to be the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God and the final authority on faith and practice.

We believe Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died a sacrificial death, rose bodily from the dead on the third day and ascended into Heaven from whence He will come again to receive all believers unto Himself.

We believe all men are fallen creations of Adam's race and in need of salvation by grace through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe it is our duty to serve God to the best of our ability and to pray for a moral and spiritual revival that will return this nation to the traditional values upon which it was founded.

## LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

Please write and enclose a one or two-page letter explaining why you would like to join CWA's Project 535 Lobbying Team. Include a brief testimony of your spiritual journey, as well as any information that you believe would be relevant to Project 535. That may include an explanation of your particular talents and gifts, political activities and/or educational preparation. There are no right and wrong answers, and no particular political or educational background is required to be part of Project 535. We simply want to get to know who *you* are and why you want to be a part of the Project 535 team!

## PERSONAL STATEMENT OF INTENT

I am applying for membership in Project 535, the volunteer lobbying effort of Concerned Women for America. I have read and I am in full agreement with CWA's *Statement of Faith and Concerns and Goals Statement*. I understand that membership in Project 535 is not guaranteed. If I am approved as a member of Project 535, I agree to abide by the policies of the national office of Concerned Women for America.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA

## CONCERNS AND GOALS

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### WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT:

#### SANCTITY OF LIFE

1. The protection of innocent human life ~ including protecting the unborn from abortion, fetal tissue experimentation, and embryonic research; and society from euthanasia, cloning, population control and human genetic engineering.
2. The physical, emotional and spiritual harm to women, men and their families resulting from abortion.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

3. The trend of government to diminish and disregard the God-given inalienable rights of individuals.
4. The erosion of religious liberty and the legal and cultural imposition of anti-Judeo-Christian philosophies upon our society.

#### FAMILY

5. The disrespect for family and for the unique contribution of fathers and mothers. The attempt to eliminate natural distinctions between men and women.
6. Sexual promiscuity, cohabitation and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS.
7. The alarming increase in violence in American households, including same-sex and opposite-sex partner assaults, spousal assaults, and child and elder abuse.
8. The growth of prostitution that feeds the sex trafficking industry worldwide - endangering the well-being and lives of thousands of girls, boys and women.
9. The fiscal responsibility of government and its impact on our nation.
10. The prevalence of drug and substance abuse in our country.
11. The detrimental effects of gambling on the family.

#### PORNOGRAPHY

12. The ever-increasing prevalence of pornography, sexually-oriented businesses, and prostitution, and the lack of enforcement of existing laws.
13. The morally deteriorating impact of the entertainment

### WE ARE WORKING TO SEE:

#### SANCTITY OF LIFE

1. Laws passed to protect our society from practices and policies that endanger or debase innocent human life.
2. Public awareness of the harm of abortion to women, men and their families; and the promotion of pregnancy care centers and post-abortion counseling services.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

3. Our government strengthen and renew its commitment to respect and protect each individual's exercise of his God-given inalienable rights.
4. The protection and preservation of religious liberty as provided in the United States Constitution.

#### FAMILY

5. The family esteemed as the bedrock institution of society consisting of individuals related by blood, marriage (the legal union of one man and one woman), birth, or adoption. The respect for the distinctiveness of men and women.
6. Society value and respect marriage, encourage sexual abstinence before marriage and educate on the dangers of promiscuous sexuality; HIV/AIDS treated as a public health epidemic and not as a civil rights issue.
7. An end to violence within households, especially the sexual abuse of children, while reinforcing the importance and autonomy of healthy families.
8. An end to prostitution, the demand for prostitution and sex trafficking.
9. The reasonable appropriation of government monies and the fiscal responsibility of balanced budgets.
10. An end to drug and substance abuse.

11. The elimination of gambling in all its forms.

#### PORNOGRAPHY

12. The consistent strict enforcement of laws regulating the use and distribution of pornography, and raising public awareness about the harm of pornography to men, women, children and society.
13. The entertainment industry become a more positive

industry on our country and the increasing emphasis on violence and sexual exploitation.

#### **EDUCATION**

14. The declining quality of education, the deterioration of parental rights and authority, the increasing emphasis on Godless philosophies, and, in particular, the unbalanced presentation of America's founding, of evolution and of sex education.

#### **NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY**

15. The loss of national sovereignty to international organizations and other foreign powers through judicial and administrative decisions.

16. The lack of border security to protect America from terrorists and all illegal immigration.

17. Judges who exceed their authority to interpret law by intruding on the authority of the legislative and executive branches of government.

18. The security of our nation and the increasing pressure to weaken the country's defenses.

moral influence on society.

#### **EDUCATION**

14. The quality of education restored to a level of excellence in academic achievement without governmental mandates that are detrimental to parental rights.

#### **NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY**

15. A reaffirmation of the independence of the United States and protection of the right to self-government without legal recognition of any foreign authority as to the interpretation of the U.S. Constitution.

16. Our nation develop and maintain strong border controls to protect us from foreign terrorists and the flow of illegal immigration. We welcome legal immigrants, especially those fleeing government persecution because of their religious beliefs or other basic human rights.

17. The nomination and confirmation of highly qualified individuals as judges who have demonstrated a commitment to the limited role of the judicial branch, the rule of law and respect for the text of the state and U.S. Constitutions.

18. The United States deploy the strongest national defense system in the world as a deterrent to foreign aggression.

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### **OUR CORE ISSUES**

Concerned Women for America confronts many issues facing American citizens. We divide these into six different categories and have accordingly divided our web content here for you.

#### **Family**

CWA believes that marriage consists of one man and one woman. We seek to protect and support the Biblical design of marriage and the gift of children.

#### **Sanctity of Human Life**

CWA supports the protection of all innocent human life from conception until natural death. This includes the consequences resulting from abortion.

#### **Education**

CWA supports reform of public education by returning authority to parents.

#### **Pornography**

CWA endeavors to fight all pornography and obscenity.

#### **Religious Liberty**

CWA supports the God-given rights of individuals in the United States and other nations to pray, worship and express their beliefs without fear of discrimination or persecution.

#### **National Sovereignty**

CWA believes that neither the United Nations nor any other international organization should have authority over the United States in any area. We also believe the United States has the right and duty to protect and secure our national borders.

**CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA'S PROJECT 535**  
***PERSONAL REFERENCE***

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for a leadership position with Concerned Women for America's volunteer lobbying effort, *Project 535*. She has referred us to you for a personal reference. Kindly complete the following questionnaire and return it within one week. Your reference will be kept confidential. Thank you so much for your attention to this important matter.

(Please type or print)

How long have you known \_\_\_\_\_?

In what capacity have you been associated with her?

Does she cooperate well with those in positions of authority in her life?  
 Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Please rate her on the following qualities:

Quality	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Consistent Christian Lifestyle					
Integrity					
Ability to communicate					
Organizational skills					
Personal grooming					
Emotional stability					
Ability to work with an organization					
Ability to accept criticism					
Teachable and cooperative					

Does \_\_\_\_\_ exhibit spiritual maturity? yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_  
 Please elaborate.

*(Reference continued on next page)*

**Project 535 Personal Reference, continued....**

To your knowledge, are her beliefs based on Scriptural principles? yes \_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_  
If no, please elaborate.

Would you recommend her for this position?

Are there any additional things that you believe we should take into consideration?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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***PASTORAL REFERENCE***

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(Please type or print)

Is \_\_\_\_\_ a member in good standing in your church?  
 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

How long have you known this individual?

What leadership positions has she held or does she presently hold?

Does she cooperate well with those in positions of authority in her life?  
 Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please rate her on the following qualities:

Quality	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor
Consistent Christian Lifestyle					
Integrity					
Ability to communicate					
Organizational skills					
Personal grooming					
Emotional stability					
Ability to work with an organization					
Ability to accept criticism					
Teachable and cooperative					

Does \_\_\_\_\_ exhibit spiritual maturity? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_  
 Please elaborate.

(Reference continued on the next page)

**Project 535 Pastoral Reference, continued....**

To your knowledge, are her beliefs based on Scriptural principles? yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_  
If no, please elaborate.

Would you recommend her for this position?

Are there any additional things that you believe we should take into consideration?

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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