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A Message From Our State Director

I took on the responsibility of State Director of Concerned Women for America (CWA) of Oregon because I was deeply concerned about the decline in moral values in our nation's government, laws and policies. I wanted to be part of reversing the moral decline of our state and nation. CWA of Oregon is a group of women and like-minded men committed to praying for our elected officials and judges and educating others about proposed policies and



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State Director

legislation that could have an impact on our families, religious liberty, decency, sanctity of life and national sovereignty. We act to influence our legislators, governor and judges by making phone calls and writing letters. With these calls and letters we ask our elected officials to vote for policies that uphold Judeo-Christian values in our state and nation. The 2007-2008 Oregon Legislative Session will be exciting as legislators

debate issues that will have tremendous moral implications for our state. CWA of Oregon hopes to be part of this process and hopes you will join us in that effort.

Oregon has been blessed with fertile agriculture land, majestic natural beauty that speaks of God's glory and strong, industrious people. Join CWA of Oregon as we pray that God would protect these gifts and bless us as we fight to uphold and promote Biblical values that will strengthen our families and children,
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Adopt-A-Legislator Launch—February 22

Concerned Women for America of Oregon believes prayer is crucial to the restoration of our state and nation. On February 22, 2007, CWA of Oregon will launch its sixth "Adopt-A-Legislator Program." Ninety CWA women and men from around the state have "adopted" a state legislator or judge and have committed to regularly pray for him/her and send an encouraging postcard to him/her twice a month throughout the legislative session. This is a rewarding activity that places Christians in line with God's will by praying for those in authority. I Timothy 2:1-2 says, "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone ... for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

Think of the impact a daily prayer for a legislator might have when he/she is deciding how to vote on a pro-family, pro-life bill! Imagine how encouraging a timely-sent Scripture can be to a discouraged, Christian lawmaker! God's word is powerful. Imagine the impact in the spiritual realm when a non-believing legislator reads

Oregon Budget Out of Control

Oregon families feel the impact of how the state chooses to spend the revenue it receives and how it chooses to generate new revenues. The decisions made by the state legislature in regards to Oregon's fiscal policy directly affect the budgets of families across the state. Dennis Richardson, Republican State Representative from District four and part of the House Republican Leadership team, is working to protect Oregon taxpayers, property owners and families. He remains steadfastly committed to finding solutions that work for Oregon families at a price taxpayers can afford. With his work in Human Services, he is especially committed to assuring that we meet the needs of Oregon's most needy and help all others to help themselves.

Below is an excerpt from an article written by Dennis Richardson entitled "Let the Spending Begin:"

Oregon's "Governor's Recommended Budget" (GRB) for the next biennium is a record setter. Now the

real work begins. The GRB is based on a revenue forecast that is 20 percent higher than the current budget. What would life be like if you were given an additional 20 percent of your personal income to spend over the next two years?

--Unfortunately, to obtain a 20 percent increase in revenues, the Governor wants the following four additional revenue sources: 1. Raise the Tobacco Tax (\$182 million); 2. Create a new tax on auto insurance policies (\$25 million); 3. Increase corporate filing fees (\$85 million); and 4. Retain the corporate kicker (\$275 million). If the Legislature grants the Governor all of these revenue sources, the total general funds and lottery revenue pool would be \$14.9 Billion of General & Lottery Funds. It is my opinion that increasing State spending to the levels set forth in the GRB is both unwise and unsustainable.

Last November, Oregon's voters soundly defeated Measure 48. As you will recall, M-48 was the measure that would have imposed a restriction on the growth of State spending to an amount equal to the



Governor Ted Kulongoski

combined percentage increases in inflation and population growth. Excess revenue would have been sent by the Legislature to a Rainy Day fund. Governor Kulongoski has taken the overwhelming defeat of M-48 as a

mandate to invest in Oregon education, services, and infrastructure. Such a large influx of revenue in every quadrant of state spending should help keep the economy booming over the next two years. The important questions remain: What happens to Oregon's budget after the 2007-09 "Boom-Time Biennium" is over? Can the increased level of spending be sustained?

Adopt-A-Legislator Launch Continued

God's words in a kind card he receives from a stranger who is not lobbying him!

We invite you and your friends from around the state to join us at the Salem Capitol Rotunda on February 22, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. when we launch this important project. Refreshments will be served, and during the launch CWA women and men will walk throughout the Capitol, praying that God's plan for Oregon will be accomplished in the actions of our elected officials and judges in 2007.

Become a member of CWA of Oregon as we reverse the

decline of moral values in our state through prayer, education and action. We would love to see you at the Oregon State Capitol Rotunda on February 2, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for our Adopt-A-Legislature Program Launch. For more information contact Louise Muscato, CWA of Oregon Director at 541-760-1933 or director@oregon.cwfa.org.

What: CWA of Oregon Adopt-A-Legislator Launch
 Where: Oregon State Capitol Rotunda
 Date: February 2, 2007
 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 (Please plan to attend all of part of the event.)

If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

A Message From Our State Director Continued

protect our churches, and advocate for laws that will guard our national sovereignty and security.

will support and promote Biblical values in our state. We look forward to hearing from you,

Within this newsletter you will find information on CWA of Oregon's Prayer/Action Chapters. Please consider starting a Prayer/Action Chapter in your region. Help CWA of Oregon fight for laws and policies that

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Get Involved in a Prayer/Action Chapter

The members of CWA believe the only answer for America is for her people to “humble themselves and pray and turn from their wicked ways” (II Chronicles 7:14). We believe this is possible if America’s Godly women and men will commit themselves to a dedicated effort of prayer and meaningful involvement. That is why CWA actively organizes Prayer/Action Chapters and Home Teams into a national network of women and men who believe in the Judeo-Christian principles for living.

Both prayer and active involvement are necessary if we are to make a difference for the cause of Christ.

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only.” (James 1:22a) “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” (James 2:17)

CWA desires to connect Christians who are concerned about America in a united prayer and action network. We provide information about current public policy issues, expose those forces weakening the family, and educate citizens on the governmental process. Armed with this information, CWA members are encouraged to pray diligently for our nation and its leaders.

The Prayer/Action Chapter has a three-fold purpose, providing an

opportunity for members to:

1. Be alert and **INFORMED** on the issues. (Ephesians 6:18b)
2. **PRAY** about the issues. (Ephesians 6:18a)
3. **ACT** on those issues. (Ephesians 6:20)

CWA of Oregon currently has chapters in the following cities:

Albany	Medford
Corvallis	Salem
Gresham	Shead
Dufur	

Contact us today! Join one of our existing chapters or start your own! Together, we can make a difference!

Measure 54

Initiative for the November, 2008 election. This is one we really have to stay on top of as it will give our government a free pass to use their authority for regulating strip acts. Please watch and be alert. If we do not act, who knows what will happen next in Oregon? Let us stand in the gap with CWA! Prayers are very much needed on this one. You will be hearing more on this issue!

Pray + Act = Change

CWA's Six Core Issues

Concerned Women for America confronts many issues facing American citizens. We divide these into six different categories.

Definition of 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 concep-

tion 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.

Thank You!

Thank you for receiving our first official Newsletter for CWA of Oregon. CWA of Oregon was established one year ago, and we are looking ahead to where and what God has planned for us. We are grateful that we have the privilege of serving Oregon. As we take on this responsibility, we are acutely aware of the fact that our state and our nation is in need of a renewed effort to protect and promote Biblical values among all of its citizens. We have seen a large surge of liberal thought that prevails upon families, education and even our national sovereignty. This liberalism does not create anything, but only tears down the moral and Biblical fiber upon which this nation was founded. There is no challenge more vital to the well-being and prosperity of our state or nation than restoring and protecting the Biblical reverence for life. All other issues become naught if we diminish the true meaning of human life itself.

Thank you for your willingness to join us in this effort.
Jackie Leavitt, CWA of Oregon Communications E-mail Director.



Become an Active Member of CWA of Oregon Today!

- Sign me up for urgent CWA of Oregon E-mail Alerts.
- Send me information on how to start a Prayer/Action Chapter.
- Send me information on any other CWA of Oregon leadership positions available.
- Receive my donation of \$_____ towards the work of CWA of Oregon. I understand that if I contribute \$25 or more, it will entitle me to a year of the bi-monthly CWA *Family Voice*. If you prefer, contribute on the state Web page at www.oregon.cwfa.org.
- Sign the following friends up for this newsletter as well as E-mail Alerts:
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