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Dear CWA Friend,

“It is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand.” - John Adams, 1776.

During this Advent season of celebration of Our Savior’s birth, I find this quote profoundly challenging, since our faith and morality appear to be the two most threatened and attacked values of society today in our schools, our government and even in our churches. The current administration appears bent on challenging America’s core foundational Biblical values; and the battle to keep our nation and state on the firm foundation of the Constitution itself seems almost impossible to win. In light of these challenges, we cling to Galatians 6:9, *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

As your ambassadors for Concerned Women for America (CWA) of South Dakota, Cindy Flakoll, CWA of South Dakota’s Legislative Liaison, and I profoundly appreciate the years you have partnered with us as we represent CWA in Pierre as your volunteer lobbyists. Your faithfulness in prayer, action, and support continues to assist us in protecting pro-life and pro-family principles in our state.

The 2010 South Dakota Legislative Session begins January 12, and the time is now to lay out our needs for this session and the expenditures that we incur each year:

- Encourage a Legislator Campaign - \$250 for printing and postage
- Lobbyist registration with Secretary of State - \$35/each: Cindy and Linda
- Copy machine usage at the Capitol - \$10
- Mileage – \$114 each round trip to Pierre from our homes in McPherson County. (We only take 20 cents/mile while the rate authorized by the IRS is 50 cents.) In 2009 we made 8 trips to Pierre and were present at the Capitol almost every day of the session.)

We are blessed to have two host families who graciously provide lodging for us while in Pierre. Cindy and I pay for our own meals, not utilizing any CWA funds. Perhaps you would consider partnering with us to provide funds for our lobbyist registrations or mileage for one or more trips. We will greatly appreciate any help you can give.

God has blessed the work of our hands as we have had great success in passing pro-family and pro-life bills, and we have defeated much legislation that would have been detrimental to the family and life.

If you can’t assist us financially, we will be blessed with your prayers for our continued safety, wisdom, and success. Please help by contacting your state legislators regarding their votes. If you are not on our e-mail action alert list, please e-mail me at director@southdakota.cwfa.org with your request to receive our alerts. You will receive information on bills of concern with contact information for your legislators.

As always, **your gifts to Concerned Women for America of South Dakota are tax-deductible.** Donations sent to *Box 2, New Holland, SD 57364* stay in South Dakota for our projects. Gifts to our national Washington, D.C., office are utilized for national issues. [Click here](#) if you would like to give to CWA of South Dakota via credit card.

As John Adams’ quote so somberly reminds us, we must honor and protect our faith and morality to ensure freedom, and I promise you that is what CWA of South Dakota will continue to do in 2010 in our great state of South Dakota and for our nation.

May God bless you with a most meaningful and merry Christmas and an abundant New Year, as we honor our Lord and Savior. He is Sovereign!

In Christ,

Linda Schauer
State Director