



# Concerned Women for America of SOUTH DAKOTA

*"Protecting the Rights of the Family Through Prayer and Action"*

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## Director's Notes

You are certainly aware that there are a number of important election issues on the ballot November 7. **CWA has taken a stand on several of these, and we have enclosed brochures and information that you may copy and distribute freely at churches, parades, exhibit booths, ball games, and wherever you find a pro-family audience.**

Churches need not fear losing their tax status when they address the moral issues that affect life and the family. **It is legal for churches to speak on these ballot issues.** Churches may not, however, endorse or oppose candidates, but they do have a moral obligation to uphold Biblical truth.

The leadership of Concerned Women for America of South Dakota has been a part of the **VoteYesforLife.com** campaign since its formation. We are excited about this opportunity to educate the voters of South Dakota and the nation about how abortion kills babies and hurts women. I urge you to get involved in the grassroots effort of **VoteYesforLife.com** by logging onto [www.VoteYesForLife.com](http://www.VoteYesForLife.com) or by calling 605-271-3975. The **Amendment C brochure** is also available to download at **sd.cwfa.org**. Our site will provide additional information on Amendment C and marriage protection.

**If you would like additional brochures, please contact me at 605-439-3630 or indicate the quantity you would like to receive on the enclosed response envelope. It is my pleasure to serve you.**

—Linda Schauer, State Director

## Crucial Ballot Issues Face South Dakotans on November 7

*"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people." Proverbs 14:34*

Romans 13:1-4 reminds us that God ordained the institution of government. It is our duty as citizens, and as Christians, to participate in the governmental process. Exercising our privilege to vote in elections is the most fundamental way to participate. Yet, surveys have shown that as few as one-half of church members who are eligible to

vote are registered to vote, and many who are registered to vote do not actually vote on Election Day. October 23 is the last day to register to vote in the November 7 election. Advanced voting begins on September 26 at the auditor's office at your county court house. If you have students away at college, be sure to obtain an absentee ballot request form from your county auditor or obtain forms online at <http://www.sdsos.gov/elections/voteregistration/registrationvoting.shtm>

The late U.S. Senate Chaplain Richard Halverson said that people of faith are more to blame for the nation's woes than are politicians. Believers who are apathetic "abdicate their responsibility," he said, noting that lawmakers have authority to act

only "with the consent of the governed. **People of faith must understand the issues, vote intelligently and advise elected representatives.**"



Concerned Women for America  
of South Dakota's Position



### November 7, 2006 - BALLOT MEASURES:

**Referred Law 6 – to ban abortion ----- YES**

**Amendment C – to allow marriage only between a man and a woman ----- YES**

**Amendment E – to eliminate judicial immunity for public servants ----- NO**

**Initiated Measure 7 – to repeal video lottery ---YES**

## Stop Amendment E Because it Hurts Good People!

Amendment E, also known as the "Jail for Judges" amendment, is not what it appears to be at first glance. Certainly activist judges can overstep their bounds. But Amendment E is an overzealous attempt by disgruntled Californians that would make ordinary South Dakotans, like jurists and citizens serving on boards, open to almost endless litigation. Criminals and others with a grudge could come after people that serve in these capacities if they did not like how these people voted in a court case or on the school board.

Vote NO on Amendment E to preserve judicial immunity for ordinary South Dakota citizens.

# Prayer Guide for Elections

*“Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and place such over them to be rulers of thousands ...” Exodus 18:21 “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Ephesians 6:12*

- ✓ Thank the Lord for the Godly leaders and candidates who serve in government. *“When the righteous thrive the people rejoice, when the wicked rule the people groan.” Proverbs 29:2*
- ✓ Confess individual and national sins. *“Create in me a clean heart O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me.” Psalm 51:10, Daniel 9, Jeremiah 4:1-2.*
- ✓ Pray that Christians will be informed and will understand their responsibility and duty as a Christian and as a citizen to vote. Proverbs 2:6-10, Proverbs 3:21, Micah 6:8, Philippians 2:14-15.
- ✓ Pray that the election process, including personnel and voting equipment, will perform with honesty and integrity. Leviticus 19:35-36, Proverbs 1:3.
- ✓ Pray that God will impress upon the hearts and minds of the citizens of South Dakota the great value of life and the importance of the covenant of marriage. Psalm 139:13-16, Proverbs 31:8, Genesis, 2:24.
- ✓ Pray that our nation will be blessed with Godly and principled leaders, and that His name will be glorified. II Samuel 23:3-4, Romans 13:1.

Praise God for the results. Remember Daniel. His high political position was second only to the emperor himself. He truly was “in this world, but not of this world,” honoring God in and through his national citizenship. **We are His warriors on the battlefield, but the battle is the Lord’s. We are called to be faithful.**

## Encourage a legislator

*“prayers, intercession ... for kings and all ... in authority.”*

I Timothy 2:1

You are needed to pray for your legislator daily during the session and send him or her a weekly encouraging postcard. Please indicate on the response card your commitment to participate in our Encourage a Legislator Campaign for the 2007 South Dakota legislative Session.

## Reminder!



If you would like to receive additional *Protect Marriage* brochures for church bulletin inserts, distribution at parades, ballgames, etc., please indicate on the response envelope.

Would you like to receive e-mail alerts regarding current national and state legislation so you can pray and act on the issues? By acting you impact legislation and make a difference. To receive e-mail alerts from CWA of South Dakota indicate your e-mail address on the response envelope.



## REPEAL VIDEO LOTTERY?

### YES on Initiated Measure 7!

- The average adult South Dakotan who lives near a gaming facility – video lottery, Deadwood, or Native American casino - spends \$688 a year on gambling.
- Video lottery accounts for most of the state’s gambling revenue, about \$106.9 million a year, making South Dakota dependent on gambling for about 13% of state revenues.
- Economic benefits created by casino jobs are often offset by losses in area businesses such as restaurants, fewer car and home sales, etc.
- Edward Morse, Creighton University-Omaha Law professor, found that where casinos are operating for a time, personal bankruptcies increase about 2% a year, compared with towns without casinos, affecting families in an extremely negative fashion.
- Casino gambling “fails a cost-benefit test by a wide margin,” stated Earl Grinols, economic professor at the University of Illinois.



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