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SAVE THE COURT FOR WOMEN'S LIVES

Dear Feminist Activists,

This is it! The worst has happened with the resignation of Sandra Day O'Connor. Let there be no mistake about it: Sandra Day O'Connor was the 5th vote that was saving *Roe v. Wade*. **Abortion rights and women's rights are on the line.**

[We must act now and galvanize women as never before.](#) We must act immediately and contact every Senator to tell them that they cannot stack the court with an anti-abortion and anti-family planning justice.

With O'Connor's resignation, President Bush can reverse 32 years of freedom and progress for women. **Women, who have the most to lose, must be the strongest voice in the debate over the Supreme Court nominations.** This time, for once, we will not be ignored.

THIS IS IT!

[Please make an emergency contribution to the Feminist Majority's Save Roe Campaign.](#) We must be a strong voice in this crucial fight to save Roe and the Supreme Court for women's rights.



Let there be no mistake about it. **The case most likely to be reversed or pivotal in the coming Supreme Court nomination fights is *Roe v. Wade*.** But even some of our progressive friends tend to marginalize the abortion issue. We must rally the millions of women and men who care if *Roe* is to be saved.

The opposition forces behind President Bush have already raised millions of dollars to support whomever Bush appoints for the Supreme Court. Just one such right-wing advocacy organization, Progress for America, has raised \$18 million already to fight for President Bush's Supreme Court nominees. Another such organization, the Judicial Confirmation Network, has raised \$3 million for its media campaign to fight any attempt to filibuster a Supreme Court nominee.

The Feminist Majority must be strong enough to ensure that the rights of women are a central part of the Supreme Court debate. [Please make a special emergency contribution to the Feminist Majority's Save Roe Campaign today.](#) We need money for Internet banner ads, grassroots organizing kits, field organizers, and a PR operation that will place guests on talk radio and surrogate interviews in newspapers. We also must be on top of all research of nominees from a feminist and women's rights perspective.

We must build the machinery so the Court cannot be stacked against women for a generation. A filibuster of a presidential nomination only takes 41 Senators. There are more than enough pro-choice Senators to make the difference. No Senator can say she or he is for women's rights and then allow the

Court to reverse a woman's fundamental right. We must make that very clear.

I've been leading fights for women's rights for many years. **Victory goes to those who are most committed, to those who do not get tired, and to those who do not give in. We cannot give in. We cannot give up. The lives of too many women depend upon it.**

[Please help us to mount a campaign worthy of the rights of women.](#)

Together, we can make a difference.

For Women's Lives,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ellie Smeal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eleanor Smeal
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