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AN OPEN LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVES IN ALBANY

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To: Senator Manfred Ohrenstein  
Assembly William Passannante

The Citizens' Advisory Council on the Status of Women is "convinced that the right of a woman to determine her own reproductive life is a basic human right" and "recommends that laws making abortion a criminal offense be REPEALED."

Who else? ACLU, Amer. for Democratic Action, Nat'l Org. for Women (NOW) Women's City Club of New York, AFL/CIO and AFL/CIO Legislative Committee in NYC, Nat'l Council of Churches, Nat'l Council of Negro Women, Nat'l Academy of Sciences, Reform Democratic Clubs --FDR-Woodrow Wilson, Murray Hill, Lenox Hill and Riverside Democrats.

Assemblywoman Constance Cook of Ithaca will introduce a bill to repeal the abortion law in 1969. You both say the law should be changed and both co-sponsored reform last year. Why do you both refuse to co-sponsor a bill to repeal the law in 1969?

- ....Why do you both favor abortions for some women and deny others?  
(Your bill would exclude 85% of women seeking abortions)
- ....Why do you both force a woman to have a child against her will?  
(Isn't this cruel and unusual punishment?)
- ....Why do you both fail to stand up for separation of church and state?  
(True freedom of religion requires that the dogma of one group not be imposed on those with other views)
- ....Why do you both force women to the demeaning process of petitioning and pleading to qualify for an abortion? (Isn't this a private matter?)
- ....Why do you, our "reform" representatives in Albany, not lead the fight for this major social reform? (Why are you so far behind a Republican from upstate?)
- ....95.4% of all women believe in abortion on request? Will you represent the women too in 1969?

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