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PATTERSON STATES THE CASE MAY BECOME A PRECEDENT IN FUTURE
MICHIGAN CASES OF EUTHANASIA

URGENT LETTERS TO WRITE

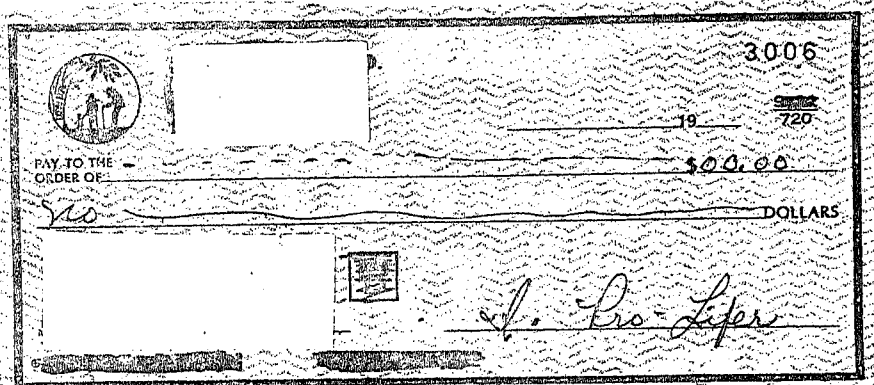
1. L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Prosecutor, 1200 North Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48053.

Re: STATE OF MICHIGAN vs. ROBERT C. WATERS (This case concerns a Clarkston man who assisted his wife to implement her decision to take her own life.)

Those who maintain a pro-life philosophy are being asked to write letters to Mr. Brooks Patterson and their newspapers (OAKLAND PRESS, DETROIT NEWS, FREE PRESS, etc.). Be sympathetic in explaining that we can understand Mr. Waters' difficult situation BUT human problems cannot be solved by destroying human life.

Disagree with Mr. Patterson's personal feeling in that if Mr. Waters is sent to prison, Patterson would ask for a suspended sentence. As prosecuting attorney, Mr. Patterson, of course, is entitled to a personal opinion. But, that opinion should not be aired publicly, i.e., newspaper. Personal opinion on a legal issue will make the selection of an impartial jury most difficult. This case clearly points out how close we are to active euthanasia in our society. While his wife suffered from physical and emotional difficulties, Mrs. Waters was not terminally ill. In a Detroit News article, Thursday, November 21, 1974, it was stated, "In a statement to authorities, the defendant said his wife, also 65, had been treated for arthritis, heart trouble and depression for several years. She had talked of suicide since 1971 and was scheduled to enter the hospital on the day of her death, he said Patterson said Cotant and other assistants carefully researched possible charges because the case may become a precedent in future Michigan cases of euthanasia (mercy killing)." In caring for our loved ones can we acquiesce to their wishes when they are under obvious physical or emotional strain? As we sit silently by are we helping to pave the way in our permissive society by adding another stepping stone to the path of a second "anti-life" Supreme Court Ruling?

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK!

PLEASE follow through on the December 4, 1974 memo regarding the advertising fund, funds which are needed by January 15th, 1975. Please if your letter was mislaid take a minute to send whatever you can and ask a friend to do like wise.

Sincerely,
Diane Fagelman

P.S. A copy of the ad is available at the office. The ad must be paid for in advance.

READER'S DIGEST - Does It Have An Anti-Life Policy?

Dr. Denis Cavanagh, chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Louis University wrote an article, "Why I Oppose the Supreme Court Decision on Abortion". He urged Reader's Digest to print it as "the other side" to the abortion question, after their publication of "Why I Favor Legalized Abortion" by the late Dr. Alan F. Guttmacher in November 1973. They refused to print this article although they acknowledged that it was "vigorously presented and certainly well-reasoned".

Dr. Cavanagh called Mr. Roy Herbert, the assistant managing editor of Reader's Digest, and was told bluntly that "The Reader's Digest editorial policy is pro-abortion - abortion is a woman's right". Dr. Cavanagh asked him to put this in a letter to him but Mr. Herbert refused.

Let's look at the record -

Shana Alexander wrote a pro-abortion article in March, 1973 as did Dr. Guttmacher in November 1973. In the February issue was an article "What Every Woman Should Know About Abortion" by J. E. Brody. Another article in June 1969 "Growing Battle Over Abortions" by Albert Maisel - billed as a debate but clearly paints the Catholic church as the "villain".

With the ground-swell of pro-life sentiment in the country - particularly among people who support the Digest - middle Americans - the lack of a fair presentation of the pro-life side of this magazine seems strange indeed. I for one have cancelled my subscription with a letter telling why.

Margaret Joyce

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