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Dear Fellow Republican,

As a member of the West Virginia Republican Party Executive Committee, I know you share my commitment to the conservative principles enshrined in our Party Platform. At the 2016 nominating convention in Cleveland, united behind Donald Trump's vision to Make America Great Again, GOP delegates from West Virginia and across the country proudly ratified a conservative Party Platform that stands strong for constitutional principles and our God-given rights as human beings made in His image.

Republicans recognize that the most fundamental of all human rights is the Right to Life. After an activist Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand with *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, every GOP Platform since 1976 has endorsed the only legislative solution to reverse that decision and put a stop to the murder of millions of innocent babies: a constitutional amendment defining that life begins at conception, thus guaranteeing the right to life for unborn babies. The 2016 Platform reads:

*"[W]e assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. **We support a human life amendment to the Constitution** and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment's protection apply to children before birth."* (National Republican Party Platform, July 2016)

As a legislator in the West Virginia House of Delegates and Senate, and as a member of Congress, I have a 100% pro-life record. My commitment to the sanctity of human life has never — and will never — waver. In the U.S. Senate, I will remain a champion for the unborn and continue to be a staunch advocate for a constitutional Human Life Amendment. And I will proudly carry the banner of our party and its conservative Platform.

I need to make you aware of something that has been brought to my attention by several members of our party regarding another Republican candidate's position on the Human Life Amendment. In a New Jersey congressional race in 2000 — the only other time he has run for federal office — Patrick Morrissey opposed a constitutional amendment protecting unborn babies from abortion, running in open defiance of a key plank in the Republican Party Platform.

*"Ferguson has the support of state and national anti-abortion organizations and says he would support a constitutional amendment to ban abortion. The other abortion opponent in the field, **Morrissey, says he would not support such an amendment.**"* (Associated Press, May 15, 2000; full article attached)

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It doesn't mean much to say you're against abortion if you oppose the only policy proposal to end it. The Republicans who have shared this with me — some of whom had previously supported Morrisey's candidacy — were completely unaware of this information and feel betrayed. To their knowledge and mine, Patrick has not reversed his opposition to the Human Life Amendment, thereby remaining at odds with our pro-life Platform.

The sanctity of life is a non-negotiable core value of our party and our country. It is a deeply-held principle that all GOP candidates should honor, no matter which office they seek or the state in which they seek it. Now that he's running in a conservative state where the politics favor pro-life candidates, Patrick Morrisey has a second chance to get this right.

I ask you to join me in asking him to renounce the anti-life positions he took in New Jersey and commit his full support to the Republican Platform; return the tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions he's taken from Planned Parenthood lobbyists; and urge Morrisey to remember that, when it comes to stopping the slaughter of millions of innocent unborn babies, it's *never too late* to do the right thing.

Yours truly,

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

Evan Jenkins

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***Four distinct Republicans vie for open House seat***  
***By Laurence Arnold***  
***The Associated Press***  
***May 15, 2000***

*One has loads of money, one a famous name. One holds public office, while one knows his way around Capitol Hill. Four Republicans bring distinct strengths, and vulnerabilities, to the race for the first open House seat in New Jersey since 1996.*

*Mike Ferguson, the most prolific fund-raiser in the group, has been criticized for moving into the 7th District just to run for the seat vacated by Republican Bob Franks, a candidate for Senate.*

*Tom Kean Jr. carries his father's famous name but failed to turn that into organizational support in any of the four counties in the district.*

***Patrick Morrisey** has been endorsed by congressmen with whom he worked on Capitol Hill but now must prove that translates to support from voters.*

*And Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, who has experience in elected office, has been criticized for murky answers on abortion, an issue important in Republican primaries.*

*The upshot: a race too close - or too complicated - to call. Unlike the national Democratic party, which has picked Union County Manager Mike Lapolla as its favored candidate for the seat, the national Republican party is steering clear until 7th District Republicans choose a candidate on June 6.*

*On hot-topic issues, the candidates share much in common.*

***Morrisey** and Weingarten support a flat-tax system, while Kean and Ferguson say they support something "flatter" than the current code. All favor school vouchers, at least experimentally in areas where public schools are failing. All support the idea of letting people invest part of their Social Security payroll taxes into a private investment account they would manage.*

*Weingarten scored an organizational advantage when he won party endorsements in Union and Essex counties, giving him preferred ballot position in towns where 60 percent of the district's Republican voters live. Ferguson won the ballot lines in the other two counties, Somerset and Middlesex.*



*In many ways, the lightning rod in the race is Ferguson, 29, who ran two years ago in the neighboring 6th District against Democratic Rep. Frank Pallone.*

*Ferguson planned to take a second shot at Pallone this year. But after Franks announced plans to run for Senate, Ferguson moved from Red Bank to Westfield to launch a bid for the open seat.*

*Weingarten, in particular, has accused Ferguson of carpetbagging.*

*"I think Republicans are very distrustful of individuals who shop congressional districts and who feel that one size fits all," Weingarten said.*

*Ferguson, who has put \$200,000 of his own money into the campaign, replied that he and his wife switched districts with the encouragement of friends who wanted a strong Republican candidate in a crucial race for an open seat.*

*"I think people are less concerned about where you're from and more concerned about what you believe in," he said.*

*Ferguson has the support of state and national anti-abortion organizations and says he would support a constitutional amendment to ban abortion. The other abortion opponent in the field, **Morrisey**, says he would not support such an amendment.*

***Morrisey**, 32, cut his political teeth in New Jersey but then moved to Washington, where he spent two years as health policy counsel for the House Commerce Committee. He moved back to Westfield to run for the House, stressing his firsthand knowledge of Capitol Hill.*

*"I think voters are starving for someone to talk substance and address the real concerns they have about health care, tax reduction, educational reform and fiscal sanity in Washington," **Morrisey** said. He has issued position papers on government spending, campaign finance reform, Medicare and education.*

*Rather than compete for endorsements from county organizations, **Morrisey** collected endorsements from more than 100 small-business owners and from 13 members of Congress who worked with him on Capitol Hill.*

*Much more than his opponents, **Morrisey** has collected money from political action committees and from individuals from other states - a reflection, he says, of his contacts from working at a nationwide law firm and in Congress.*



*Weingarten, 40, jokes that he is the old man in the race. He is also the only person with experience in elective office, having served on the Millburn Township Committee before joining the state Assembly.*

*"I'm the candidate in the race who has a record of getting things done," he said, boasting that he has voted 16 times to cut taxes as a state legislator (a claim shared by many Republicans who have served during the term of Gov. Christie Whitman).*

*Weingarten's position on abortion has come under scrutiny. While Ferguson and **Morrissey** are against abortion, and Kean favors abortion rights, Weingarten says only that lawmakers should respect "current constitutional strictures" by not trying to overturn the 1973 Supreme Court decision, *Roe vs. Wade*, that legalized abortion.*

*On whether he supports abortion rights, Weingarten said: "I don't think my personal views are the issue."*

*Kean, 31, was the last candidate to begin unveiling positions on issues, rolling out a campaign finance reform plan last week that includes daily disclosure of his own contributors. His campaign announcements until then had focused on what big-name Republicans have endorsed him.*

*Kean acknowledges the importance of his family tree, saying he brings to the race "the benefit of positive name recognition." His father, Thomas H. Kean, was New Jersey's popular governor from 1982 to 1990. His grandfather, Robert W. Kean, served in the House from 1939 to 1959.*

*"The name brings with it a sense of honesty and integrity," Kean said.*

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