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Dear Media Representative:

Thank you for your interest in Life Chain.

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What is Life Chain? We are a prayer chain ministry on the sidewalks of America, Canada, and a few other nations. Each participant holds an approved pro-life sign and endeavors to be a compassionate and peaceful public witness for the sanctity of human life. Accordingly, Life Chain's first mission is to minister to its own participants; and if we are receptive to God's promptings, He empowers us to minister truth about abortion to the motoring public. Through that process, Life Chain changes hearts and saves lives.

How did Life Chain begin? One morning in 1986, while I was showering, God dropped the concept of Life Chain into my mind and spirit, complete with the leading Life Chain sign message *Abortion Kills Children*. Two years earlier, six friends and I founded a small pro-life organization we called Please Let Me Live, and PLML sponsors the National Life Chain.

How did Life Chain grow into a national event? No such event was anticipated when we built the first Chain through sister cities Yuba City-Marysville in 1987. But God blessed Life Chain with marvelous grassroots energy, aided by Focus on the Family, American Life League, and other national ministries, plus an invaluable army of volunteer Coordinators across America, Canada, and beyond. **National Life Chain Sunday 2011** will include over 1500 cities and towns in the U.S. and Canada. Life Chain operates without paid staff, a budget, or a professional office. The faith-building results are due to God's great help.

What has held Life Chain together for 24 years, when the rage of our day is for 'something new'? Of special note is unity among Life Chain Coordinators, who have willingly followed unenforceable guidelines that include strong emphasis on prayer and no emphasis on fund raising and political activity. Neither do we litter, chat needlessly, or overtly respond to motorists. Life Chain is blessed by a spirit of servanthood and believes America's foremost need is God's divine intervention. Thus, for 60, 90, or 120 minutes annually (the time may vary city by city), Life Chain is devoted to prayer and peaceful public witness.

Why Is Life Chain important? Life Chain draws the church out of the pews and to the local sidewalk for public prayer and solemn reflection. Prayer moves God's heart. For new participants, Life Chain represents a serious first step into pro-life activism, and Life Chain has led thousands of new Chainers into productive pro-life work. Beyond that, through Life Chain, millions of motorists and pedestrians have witnessed pro-life messages on the sanctity of human life. Kindly review *Seven Reasons Why Christians Should Attend the Local Life Chain* (at www.NationalLifeChain.org under LIFE CHAIN MATERIALS).

Which Life Chain Sign is the most important? Life Chain employs seven different signs that include *Adoption the Loving Option*, *Abortion Hurts Women*, and *Jesus Forgives and Heals*; but the original Life Chain message *Abortion Kills Children* is the foremost lifesaver and heart changer. Why? Many Americans defend abortion passionately, but rare is the person who will form lips and tongue to say he or she supports the 'killing' of preborn children. Such is the power of language to deceive or to enlighten.

Why does Life Chain rely heavily on the church? Life Chain is church oriented and pastor focused because we believe the future of America is far more reliant on what the church of our nation does than on how our elected officials perform. The church leads our nation either with integrity, commitment, and resolve or with apathy, compromise, and retreat. With church leadership chiefly in the hands of pastors, the clergy of our nation are key to defeating legal abortion and its allied forces. Life Chain asks pastors to please 'lead' their congregations to their local sidewalks for prayer and witness on **National Life Chain Sunday**. Pastoral pro-life leadership is essential. Aptly stated by Afro-American pastor Clenard Childress: "The pew cannot do what the pulpit is suppose to do."

How many Life Chains have been held in the U.S. and Canada? About 17,000.

Does National Life Chain Sunday progress throughout the year? Yes. When **Life Chain Sunday 2011** ends, the building of **Life Chain Sunday 2012** begins.

Are abortions declining in America and Canada? Reports indicate a decline in surgical abortions, but abortion data is highly unreliable. State reporting laws lack adequate enforcement, and little information is available on chemical abortions, which result in varying frequency from the Pill in many varieties. Due to the chemicals, particularly, abortions may or may not be declining.

What is pro-life's most essential human need at this time? Pastoral pro-life leadership is an urgent need. Government will respond impactingly for good when the pulpits are sufficiently activated and they mobilize the pews.

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