# North Carolina NOW

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#### Dear Friend:

I know that women have not yet achieved true equality in our society, but I thought we had, "come a long way, baby!" The 2011-2012 NC General Assembly has proven me wrong. Thanks to the new conservative majorities in the NC House and NC Senate, our progress came to a screeching halt and shifted into reverse. They ran on Jobs and the Economy, but they pushed their social agenda from Day One. The War on Women is real! Below are just a few examples....

## Reproductive Health

- Legislation to require ultrasounds, longer waiting periods and a conservative-written script that all doctors must recite to all women seeking abortions.
- Raise money for Crisis Pregnancy Centers by through the "Choose Life" license plates which funnel money to them.
- A budget which prohibits Planned Parenthood from receiving any state or federal funds for any health care services.
- Elimination of \$450,000 in federal block grant money for prevention of out-of-wedlock-pregnancies.



#### **Education**

- Devastating cuts to public education in 2011 that cost more than 3,000 teachers and teacher assistants.
- More cuts in 2012 that will mean \$190 million less going to public schools at a loss of about 6,000 more teachers and teacher assistants.
- Disproportionately impacts women.

#### **Voting Rights**

- The loss of \$6 million in federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) money available to NC because the state budget did not include the \$400,000 appropriation needed to draw down the funds.
- Constant threat to override the Governor's veto of the Voter ID bill.

### Discrimination

- Amendment One that amended the NC Constitution to recognize marriage as only between one man and one woman.
- Legislation to repeal the historic Racial Justice Act of 2009, essentially condoning racial discrimination in death penalty cases.
- Exclusion of an appropriation to make reparations for victims of the tragic Eugenics Program in NC.

#### The War on Women is real. We need your help NOW! Donate today!

**Please give what you can afford to stop the War on Women.** Seems like every day there are more attacks. As Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney said at the National NOW conference in June, "Call it whatever you want, but all the casualties are women." Please make checks out to NC NOW and mail to NC NOW at PO Box 24995, Raleigh NC 27611. We deeply appreciate your support.

For NC NOW, Hailya Paliga

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