

NORTHERN KENTUCKY RIGHT TO LIFE MAY 16, 2006 PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Pursuant to our long-standing policy of bringing to the public the views (and records) of candidates for public office, on these crucial "Life" issues, NKRTL sent questionnaires to candidates seeking office in the primary election of May 16, 2006. After furnishing them background information concerning the issues, NKRTL advised them that their response (or the fact of their non-response, which could only be interpreted as unfavorable in that they either oppose its positions or are disinterested in these vital issues) would be published.

All need to consider the following three realities:

Q: HOW IS THE KILLING MACHINE KEPT IN PLACE? ANSWER: BY LAWS.

Q: WHO KEEPS THOSE KILLING LAWS IN PLACE? ANSWER: PUBLIC OFFICIALS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED.

Q: HOW THEN CAN ONE, WHO PUTS IN OFFICE OFFICIALS WHO KEEP THE KILLING GOING, CLAIM TO BE PRO-LIFE? ANSWER: THEY CAN'T.

ACTIONS DO HAVE CONSEQUENCES! WHAT WE DO IS A BETTER GUIDE TO WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE BELIEVE THAN WHAT WE SAY!

1. Will you actively support (and if in a position to do so, sponsor and vote for) a mandatory Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and to the Kentucky Constitution, which would codify the personhood of an unborn child from the moment of fertilization, and which would hold that all innocent human beings have the same right to life, from fertilization until natural death?
2. Will you actively support (and if in a position to do so, sponsor and vote for) legislation which will make it a criminal offense to perform, to assist with, or to pay for an abortion on another (such legislation would not prohibit those necessary medical procedures required to prevent the death of the mother who is suffering from a physical pathology such as ectopic pregnancy or cancerous uterus)?
3. Will you actively support (and if in a position to do so, sponsor and vote for) legislation preventing: (a) the use of tissue and organs from deliberately aborted children; (b) the use or destruction of live embryos for the purpose of extracting stem cells, for transplants or medical experimentations; (c) human cloning, whether for the purpose of development and bringing to full term a new human being, or for the purpose of development of a new human being for experimentation, or for the purpose of obtaining body parts or stem cells; and (d) the public funding of any of these activities?
4. Will you actively oppose (and if in a position to do so, work against and vote against) legislation mandating health insurance coverage of abortion (both surgical and chemical) and contraception?
5. Will you actively oppose (and if in a position to do so, work against and vote against) any legislation which would allow the withdrawal from an infant, incompetent, or comatose person of food and water, regardless of how the food or water is provided (except in the case where death is imminent and the patient cannot assimilate food or water)?
6. Will you actively oppose (and if in a position to do so, vote against) any legislation, administrative regulations, or initiatives of any type, which would decriminalize assisting or abetting someone in killing themselves (often referred to as "assisted suicide")?
7. Will you actively support (and if in a position to do so, sponsor and vote for) legislation requiring that the same medical treatment and the same standard of medical care be provided handicapped persons, and that the decisions of whether to treat a handicapped person must be made on strictly medical grounds and not on speculations about the person's future "quality of life"?
8. Will you actively support (and if in a position to do so, sponsor and vote for) legislation which prohibits all use of local state, federal, and/or Medicare or Medicaid funds for abortion (including chemical abortions, such as RU-486, or the so-called "morning after pill," Norplant, Depo Provera, or the so-called "standard birth control pill")?
9. If there should come before you the question of appointment or confirmation of an individual to any board, agency, or committee, etc., which does or could perform, counsel, refer, or fund abortion (including chemical abortions, such as RU-486, and the so-called "morning after pill," Norplant, Depo Provera, and the so-called "standard birth control pill"), will you nominate or confirm only individuals (1) who refuse to perform, counsel, refer, or fund any surgical or chemical abortion and (2) who refuse to support, vote for, or fund any government or private agency that would perform, counsel, refer, or fund any surgical or chemical abortion?
10. If you become involved in the legislative process, would you take the initiative to compel a recorded vote on all Pro-Life legislation, whether by discharge petition or whatever other parliamentary practice is available?
11. Will you refuse to support in any manner a candidate for any public office, who publicly states acceptance of the current status of legalized abortion, or who fails to disclose his position on the issue of abortion, or who has, as a public official, a record of support for abortion or of failing to oppose it, or who supports any of the above anti-life activities?

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The results appear below (the Pro-Life response is "yes" to all questions):

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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Geoff Davis (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ken Lucas (D)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

STATE LEGISLATURE

STATE SENATOR - 24TH DISTRICT

Katie Kratz Stine (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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STATE SENATOR - 26TH DISTRICT

Ernie Harris (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 60TH DISTRICT

David A. Ryan Sr. (D)				No Response whatsoever								
Gex "Jay" Williams (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sal Santoro (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 61ST DISTRICT

Royce W. Adams (D)				No Response whatsoever								
Pamela Ervin Mann (R)				Refused to Answer Questionnaire								

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 63RD DISTRICT

Jon E. Draud (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	--
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 64TH DISTRICT

Thomas Robert Kerr (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 65TH DISTRICT

Arnold R. Simpson (D)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	—	--
Ray Murphy (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 66TH DISTRICT

Addia Kathryn Wuchner (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 67TH DISTRICT

Dennis Keene (D)				No Response whatsoever								
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 68TH DISTRICT

Linda Klembara (D)				No Response whatsoever								
Joseph M. Fischer (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 69TH DISTRICT

Randy Blankenship (D)				Refused to Answer Questionnaire								
Adam Koenig (R)				No Response whatsoever								
Bernard J. Kunkel (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
James N. Cook (R)	Yes	Yes	Yes	—	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	—	Yes	—	---

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 78TH DISTRICT

Thomas M. McKee (D)				No Response whatsoever								
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 79TH DISTRICT

Susan Westrom (D)				No Response whatsoever								
Mike Farmer (R)				No Response whatsoever								

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*"To vote for pro-choice/pro-abortion candidates is to vote for a perpetuation of the killing of 1.6 million unborn children every year. ...the most fundamental issue of all is right to life. ...we all have a most serious responsibility to support – not only those who would allow the taking of innocent human life – but those who seek to preserve it." Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Metuchen, NJ*

**BOONE COUNTY**

**BOONE COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE**

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| Gary W. Moore (R) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
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**COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #1**

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| Cathy Hudson Flaig (R) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                             | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Lonnie Fields (R)      |     |     |     | Refused to Answer Questionnaire |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

**COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #2**

Charles E. Kenner (R) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

**COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #3**

Terri Moore (R) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

J. R. Schrand (R) No Response Whatsoever

**COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY**

Linda Tally Smith (R) No Response Whatsoever

**SHERIFF**

Michael A. Helmig (R) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

**CIRCUIT COURT CLERK**

Dianne Prindle-Murray (R) No Response Whatsoever

**COUNTY CLERK**

Kenny Brown (R) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Rena' Ping (D) Yes — Yes Yes \* Yes Yes Yes — — Yes

Edward Moore (R) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

**JAILER**

Edward Prindle (R) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

**PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR**

Ron Burch (R) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Andy Helmers (R) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

**CORONER**

Douglas M. Stith (R) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes No Yes No

**CAMPBELL COUNTY****CAMPBELL COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE**

Tom Guidugli (D) No Response Whatsoever

Steve Pendery (R) No Response Whatsoever

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #1**

Sue Orth (D) No Response Whatsoever

Mark Hayden (R) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Bill Voelker (R) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #2**

Dave Otto (D) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Peter Garrett (R) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #3**

Ken Rehtin (D) No Response Whatsoever

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Justin D. Verst (D) No Response Whatsoever

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**COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY**

Jack L. Porter, Jr. (D) No Response Whatsoever

**SHERIFF**

John D. Dunn, Jr. (D) Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Johnny "TV" Peluso (D) No Response Whatsoever

Ken Paul (D) No Response Whatsoever

D. "Mike" Klein (R) Refused to Answer Questionnaire

**CIRCUIT COURT CLERK**

Tom Calme (D) No Response Whatsoever

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| Timothy J. Fischer (R)                                                      | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <b><u>COUNTY CLERK</u></b><br>Jack Snodgrass (D)                            |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b><u>JAILER</u></b><br>Greg L. Buckler (D)                                 |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| James Lee Sawyer (R)                                                        | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <b><u>PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR</u></b><br>Mariann Guidugli Dunn (D) |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Daniel K. Braun (R)                                                         |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b><u>CORONER</u></b><br>Mark Schweitzer (R)                                |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b><u>KENTON COUNTY</u></b>                                                 |     |     |     |     |                        |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b><u>KENTON COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE</u></b><br>Ralph A. Drees (R)           |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b><u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #1</u></b><br>Dan Humpert (R)            |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b><u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #2</u></b><br>Kent Kelso (R)             | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Bill Schmiade (D)                                                           |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Sara Reeder Voelker (R)                                                     | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <b><u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #3</u></b><br>Kris A. Knochelmann (R)    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Jeff Middendorf (R)                                                         | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Michael E. Plummer (R)                                                      | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <b><u>COUNTY ATTORNEY</u></b><br>Garry Edmondson (R)                        | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Donald L. Nageleisen (D)                                                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Scott T. Steffen (R)                                                        |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b><u>COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY</u></b><br>William H. Crockett (R)              | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Rob Sanders (R)                                                             | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Charles W. Vaughn (R)                                                       | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <b><u>SHERIFF</u></b><br>Tom Collins (R)                                    |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Chuck L. Korzenborn (R)                                                     | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <b><u>CIRCUIT COURT CLERK</u></b><br>Karen M. Linn (D)                      |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| John Middleton (R)                                                          | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
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| <b><u>COUNTY CLERK</u></b><br>Rodney E. Eldridge (R)                        | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Aline Summe (D)                                                             |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b><u>JAILER</u></b><br>Terry W. Carl (R)                                   | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| <b><u>PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR</u></b><br>Joan A. Davidson (R)      | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes                    | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Merrick S. Krey (D)                                                         |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b><u>CORONER</u></b><br>David W. Suetholz (R)                              |     |     |     |     | No Response Whatsoever |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

**NKRTL-PAC ENDORSEMENTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS**

Northern Kentucky Right to Life Political Action Committee has issued **Endorsements and/or Recommendations** of some candidates in the **upcoming primary election of May 16, 2006**. These are based not only on the stated public positions of the candidates, including their answers to NKRTL's questionnaire, but also their past public records: Based upon the firm belief that what one has done is entitled to significantly more consideration than what one says ("By their fruits, ye shall know them ..." Matthew 7:16), NKRTL undertakes herein to publish what it knows of the public record of these candidates, whether they are incumbents or those seeking office for the first time.

**The gravity of the surgical slaughter of 4,400 innocent children each day — one every 20 seconds — demands that we ask of every citizen, particularly those aspiring to public office: "What are you doing to stop the killing?"**

**If a candidate supported terrorism, would you bother to ask him where he stands on other issues???**

NKRTL-PAC does not necessarily make **Endorsements and/or Recommendations** in every race. NKRTL-PAC never endorses a candidate unless he is 100% Pro-Life, with no exceptions. Sometimes, when NKRTL-PAC considers a candidate superior to the rest of the field, it will make a Recommendation, even though the candidate falls short of its 100% standard for Endorsement.

**NKRTL must point out to the reader that some candidates have taken it upon themselves to modify our questions, thereby failing to answer them specifically, and indeed making exceptions of their own, while simultaneously attempting to answer "yes," to attempt to present a Pro-Life position. Since the candidate has not answered "no," and their response cannot be truly reported as "yes" after they have modified or imposed conditions of their own, NKRTL has appropriately reported those evasive answers with an asterisk (\*). They failed to answer the questions as asked. Such action by the candidate deprives the voter of information on the candidate's position on the issues which the candidate avoided answering.**

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE**

While both candidates gave 100 percent Pro-Life answers to the questionnaire, **Rep. Davis (R)** has a 100 percent Pro-Life voting record, whereas **Mr. Lucas (D)** does not have such a record. In fact, the first year that Mr. Lucas served in Congress, in 1999, he was the only member of the Kentucky delegation that did not have a 100 percent Pro-Life voting record in Congress. In addition, Mr. Lucas, as County Judge of Boone County, prior to running for Congress, appointed pro-abortion delegates to the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department, and ignored our multiple requests to him to use his influence with them to cast Pro-Life votes against the furnishing by the District of abortifacient chemicals to underage children who were furnished these without even notice to their parents. In addition, Mr. Lucas has a long record of financial contributions to stridently pro-abortion politicians, including former **Congressman Scotty Baesler, Paul Patton, Nick Clooney**, and appeared on public television endorsing the candidacy for president of the United States of the strong pro-abortionist **Al Gore**, who guaranteed that if elected he would not appoint anyone to the Supreme Court unless they openly committed to a pro-abortion position favoring *Roe v. Wade*.

The differences between the candidates are clear. **NKRTL-PAC endorses the reelection of Congressman Geoff Davis (R).**

**STATE SENATOR - 24<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

**NKRTL-PAC endorses the reelection of State Senator Katie Kratz Stine (R)**, who has a 100 percent Pro-Life voting record in the Kentucky General Assembly and in fact has been one of the strong leaders on behalf of Pro-Life legislation there.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 60<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

While both **Gex "Jay" Williams (R)** and **Sal Santoro (R)** have made 100 percent Pro-Life answers to the questionnaire, **NKRTL-PAC endorses the election of Mr. Williams**, based upon a previous, lengthy, and solid Pro-Life voting record and indeed leadership record on Pro-Life issues, when he previously served in the Kentucky General Assembly.

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"No cause takes precedence over the preservation of innocent human life. It would be irresponsible for us to claim to be pro-life while voting for candidates who support the right to abortion." **Bishop John Smith, Trenton, New Jersey**

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 64TH DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC endorses the reelection of Rep. Thomas Robert Kerr (R), who has a strong Pro-Life voting record and indeed leadership record in the Kentucky General Assembly.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 66TH DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC endorses the reelection of Rep. Addia Kathryn Wuchner (R), who has a strong Pro-Life voting record and indeed leadership record in the Kentucky General Assembly.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 68TH DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC endorses the reelection of Rep. Joseph M. Fischer (R), who has a strong Pro-Life voting record and indeed leadership record in the Kentucky General Assembly.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 69TH DISTRICT

NKRTL-PAC endorses the election of Bernard J. Kunkel (R), who not only has 100 percent Pro-Life answers to our questions, but has a long and public record in speaking out strongly and unequivocally in the public arena on behalf of all right-to-life issues, is a longtime supporting member of NKRTL, and is a person of demonstrated integrity.

His opponent, **Adam Koenig (R)** did answer our questionnaire several years ago when he ran for the office of Kenton County Commissioner, and within two months broke his promises and voted in favor of public funding of chemical abortifacients and other contraceptives to juveniles, who receive them without even notification to their parents. Mr. Koenig has demonstrated his untrustworthiness and indeed unfitness for public office.

[BOONE COUNTY]

BOONE COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE

NKRTL-PAC endorses the reelection of Boone County Judge-Executive Gary W. Moore (R), who has been a forthright and consistent supporter of all right-to-life issues. Judge Moore promised to appoint Pro-Lifers to the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board, and fulfilled his promise, contrary to the Judge-Executive candidates elected in that same election cycle (**Murgatroyd** from Kenton County and **Pendery** from Campbell County, who promptly broke their promises). Mr. Moore is a Pro-Lifer and indeed a person of great personal integrity who deserves reelection.

BOONE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #1

NKRTL-PAC endorses the reelection of Commissioner Cathy Hudson Flaig (R).

[CAMPBELL COUNTY]

CAMPBELL COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE

Incumbent **Campbell County Judge-Executive Steve Pendery (R)** did not answer our questionnaire this year. In the previous election cycle, he answered it with all favorable answers, but promptly violated his commitment by appointing pro-abortion voting members to the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board, and then Pendery personally came out strongly in favor of the distribution of these abortifacient chemicals to minors without even notice to their parents.

Newport Mayor Tom Guidugli (D) also did not answer our questionnaire. He had one appointment to the Health Board, and appointed a person who cast a Pro-Life vote. On the other hand, Mayor Guidugli has made financial contributions to our past pro-abortion **Governor Paul Patton**.

CAMPBELL COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #1

NKRTL-PAC endorses Bill Voelker (R). Although he has not held public office before, he has a long and strong personal Pro-Life record of supporting Problem Pregnancy Centers such as Madonna House and New Hope Center, and has served with his wife as foster parents for newborn babies of mothers who chose life rather than abortion. NKRTL-PAC has long held that a strong Pro-Life belief can be reflected specifically in manners other than holding public office.

CAMPBELL COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #2

Incumbent Commissioner Dave Otto (D) has a long and strong record of making financial contributions to politicians who support the killing of unborn babies, including former Governor Paul Patton and former attorney general and now Congressman Ben Chandler.

NKRTL-PAC endorses Peter Garrett (R), who is a supporting member of NKRTL and supports only Pro-Life candidates for public office.

CAMPBELL COUNTY SHERIFF

NKRTL-PAC endorses the reelection of John D. Dunn, Jr. (D).

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*"If, in this last part of the twentieth century, the Christian community does not take a prolonged and vocal stand for the dignity of the individual and each person's right to life – for the right of each individual to be treated as created in the image of God, rather than as a collection of molecules with no unique value – we feel that as Christians we have failed the greatest moral test to be put before us in this century." Dr. Francis Schaeffer, Protestant Philosopher and Theologian*

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### **CAMPBELL CIRCUIT COURT CLERK**

**NKRTL-PAC endorses the election of Timothy J. Fischer (R).**

### **CAMPBELL COUNTY JAILER**

**NKRTL-PAC endorses the election of James Lee Sawyer (R).**

## **[KENTON COUNTY]**

### **KENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #2**

**Mr. Kelso** is a member of Northern Kentucky Right to Life, and Focus On the Family, and chairs the Culture Check Ministries on Christian radio station WTSJ.

**Mrs. Voelker** has been endorsed by the retiring incumbent of this seat, **Barbara Black**, who hosted a fundraiser for Voelker. Voelker stated in the public press: "Commissioner Barb Black has done an excellent job on the fiscal court, and I will continue her legacy..." Mrs. Black's "legacy" includes her successful leadership, against NKRTL, in the continuation of the distribution of abortifacients and contraceptive drugs and devices by the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board to juveniles, without even notification to their parents. When Black first ran for the office of

Kenton County Commissioner, she answered our questionnaire affirmatively that she would not support such legislation, and, after having been appointed by Kenton County Judge-Executive Richard Murgatroyd (who likewise made – and similarly broke – such a pledge to us) to the Health Board, she made a motion initially to ban the distribution of all chemical abortifacient drugs, but then voted against her own motion. After the roll call was completed and the vote was 10 for the Pro-Life position and 12 against the Pro-Life position, Black inquired of the chair as to whether she could change her vote and what the consequence of her changed vote would be. When she was advised that the change of vote would simply bring it into a tie of 11 to 11, and that the motion would be defeated, she changed her vote, putting her “on the record” with a Pro-Life vote, although it was meaningless. She later came out with a public letter indicating that she was in favor of the distribution of such chemicals with taxpayers’ funds through government agencies.

The same issue was raised by NKRTL before the Kenton County Fiscal Court, upon which Commissioner Black sat by reason of her election as Commissioner. At a public meeting of the fiscal court wherein the issue was discussed, Commissioner Black vilified NKRTL representatives as “bullying,” “mean spirited,” and “liars.” NKRTL requested an opportunity to respond, but Commissioner Black objected and **County Judge Murgatroyd** sustained her objection, promising us that we would be given a full hearing two weeks hence before the fiscal court. One week later, and with no notice to us, the fiscal court overruled our resolution, and canceled the promised meeting. This political Pearl Harbor was acquiesced in by each member of the court, County Judge-Executive Richard Murgatroyd (R), and Commissioners Black (R), **Dan Humpert (R)**, and **Adam Koenig (R)**. Murgatroyd has since gone on to statewide office, from which he was discharged in disgrace after being charged with a criminal offense by a Grand Jury Indictment. Humpert and Koenig are running for election (see elsewhere in this newsletter).

These sad but true evidences of intellectual dishonesty and political immorality were documented in the public records of the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department, and the incredible diatribe and breach of honor of the Kenton Fiscal Court was recorded on tape and shown on Insight Cable Channel 17 in May of 2002.

Black’s personal perfidy is documented in an excellent article by registered pharmacist **Robert Hay**, a former Boone County Commissioner (R) and a close personal friend of Barbara Black, who was also on the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board at the time of the votes and discussions in question. Mr. Hay documents in quotes the slanderous, vicious, and untrue statements of Black, “mean spiritedness,” “bullying tactics,” etc., and forthrightly condemns her “political flipflop to gain political capital on the issue for herself and so-called ‘compassionate Republicans.’” (See NKRTL newsletters of October 2000, May 2002, and August 2003, available at [www.nkrtl.org](http://www.nkrtl.org).)

As well as these matters being widely covered in NKRTL’s newsletter, the secular press, and public television, NKRTL took out a full page ad in the secular press documenting these dishonest actions by the four members of the Kenton County Fiscal Court.

Black’s “legacy” could hardly be unknown to anyone who had the slightest interest in public affairs.

**NKRTL-PAC endorses the candidacy of Kent Kelso (R).**

#### **KENTON COUNTY ATTORNEY**

While both incumbent **County Attorney Garry Edmondson (R)** and opponent **Donald L. Nageleisen (D)** have made 100 percent Pro-Life answers to the questions, Mr. Edmondson has a record of performance in being an active member of NKRTL, attending its functions, and supporting its statewide legislative program in the General Assembly. **NKRTL-PAC endorses the reelection of Garry Edmondson (R).**

#### **KENTON COUNTY SHERIFF**

**NKRTL-PAC endorses the reelection of Chuck L. Korzenborn (R).** Sheriff Korzenborn is a member of NKRTL and attends its functions.

#### **KENTON CIRCUIT COURT CLERK**

**NKRTL-PAC endorses the election of John Middleton (R).**

#### **KENTON COUNTY CLERK**

**NKRTL-PAC endorses the election of Rodney E. Eldridge (R).**

#### **KENTON COUNTY PROPERTY VALUATION ADMINISTRATOR (PVA)**

**NKRTL-PAC endorses the election of Joan A. Davidson (R).**

### **JUDICIAL RACES**

There has existed for a long time considerable confusion on the issue as to how far judicial candidates may go in expressing their views on issues of public interest. Clearly, they are prohibited from specifically stating how they would decide a particular case that might be brought in front of them. On the other hand, there are judicial decisions which have overruled some of the Bar Association Canons of Judicial Ethics, and held that a judicial candidate is free to express his moral views generally.

Because of this confusion, NKRTL has never sent questionnaires to candidates for judicial office, but has commented as to any known and outstanding features of their past public records which might touch upon the issues crucial to our readers.

This year, we have sent an invitation to all the judicial candidates to inform us, if they wish, of any Pro-Life activities in which they have been involved: “Please state the activities in which you have been involved, the organizations of which you are a member, and the events you have attended that directly advance the Judeo-Christian principle of the sanctity of all innocent human life, which are under attack by the intrinsic evils of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.”

Some of the candidates responded, and others did not. Based on this information, and what has been known public generally about them, NKRTL makes the following endorsements and comments as to some of the races:

#### **KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT**

NKRTL-PAC genuinely regrets the retirement of **Justice Donald C. Wintersheimer**, who has served from this district on the Kentucky Supreme Court for many years, and who has been a strong and articulate vote on the Court in defense of the sanctity of innocent human life. We wish him well in retirement.

There are two candidates seeking election to this seat: **Marcus Carey** and **Judge Wil Schroder**.

Mr. Carey reports that he hosted a weekly talk radio show for two years, making the case for adoption instead of abortion, and for respecting life at all stages. He has also supported the New Hope Problem Pregnancy Center.

Judge Wil Schroder currently serves on the Kentucky Court of Appeals. There is no record of his ever having been involved in the Pro-Life movement, although he has supported pro-abortion candidates in Kentucky gubernatorial races, including **Martha Layne Collins** and **John Y. Brown**.

Clearly, it is morally and logically inconsistent for one to work for the election of a politician who is committed to the killing of unborn babies, and simultaneously claim to be Pro-Life.

The contrast between these two candidates is clear. **NKRTL-PAC endorses Mr. Carey** for election to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

#### **KENTUCKY COURT OF APPEALS - 1<sup>ST</sup> APPELLATE DISTRICT**

Judge Daniel Guidugli, the current holder of this office, is retiring. His name will appear on the ballot since he did not make public his announcement to retire until after the filing date passed. The two candidates actively contesting the seat are **Michelle Keller** and **Owen Kennedy**.

Mr. Kennedy is a member of NKRTL and has attended its functions. He has served for several years as Staff Attorney for Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Donald Wintersheimer. He has also been a member of Lawyers for Life, a Pro-Life legal organization in the Greater Cincinnati/ Northern Kentucky area.

Mrs. Keller's public record contains many distinct anti-life highlights. She has a record of political donations to such strident pro-abortion candidates as **former Congressman Scotty Baesler**, congressional candidate **Nick Clooney**, and **former Congressman Kenneth Lucas**. In fact, her public activities have been distinctly anti-life. A few years ago, she was Chairman of the Diocesan Catholic Childrens Home Board of Directors, which had invited as its principal speaker to a fund-raising banquet our stridently pro-abortion governor, Paul Patton. When many members of the community, including NKRTL, complained about this to **then-Bishop Robert Muench**, the bishop ordered the Board of Directors to cancel Mr. Patton's invitation. This was followed with prompt public rebuke of the bishop by Mrs. Keller, who then resigned with a public protest announcement identifying as the reason for her resignation the withdrawal of Mr. Patton's invitation.

As was pointed out in an appropriately sarcastic opinion by **Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia**, "You can't ride with the cops, and root for the robbers!"

**NKRTL-PAC endorses the election of Owen Kennedy** to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, 1<sup>st</sup> Appellate District.

#### **KENTUCKY COURT OF APPEALS - 2<sup>ND</sup> APPELLATE DISTRICT**

This is the seat being vacated by **Judge Schroder**, who is seeking election to the Kentucky Supreme Court. There are three candidates: **James A. Kidney**, **Joy Moore**, and **Peter B. Coughlan**. Nothing is known of Mr. Coughlan's record, and he did not respond to our invitation. There is no record of Mr. Kidney's ever been involved with the Pro-Life movement.

Mrs. Moore, on the other hand, together with her husband Gary Moore, who is Boone County Judge-Executive, have been for some time active members of NKRTL and attend its functions, and have played a leadership role in attempting to develop Pro-Life policies at the level of the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board. Mrs. Moore also has served in the local Life Chain, public demonstration in defense of innocent human life, and has supported New Hope Problem Pregnancy Center.

**NKRTL-PAC endorses the election of Mrs. Joy Moore** to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Appellate District.

#### **KENTON CIRCUIT COURT, FAMILY DIVISION**

There is no incumbent in this office. The two candidates seeking election are **Chris Mehling** and **Dan Zalla**.

While neither of these candidates has any record of specific affiliation with the Pro-Life movement, Mr. Mehling does have a long and strong record of political contributions to known pro-abortion candidates, including former **Attorney General (now Congressman) Ben Chandler**, **former Congressman Scotty Baesler**, and congressional candidate **Nick Clooney**.

**NKRTL-PAC endorses Dan Zalla** for election to the Kentucky Circuit Court, Family Division.

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"I am committed never again to cast a vote for a politician who would kill one innocent baby. These little ones have no defense except that which we provide for them. Never will I use my influence, however remotely, to support the shedding of their blood." **Dr. James Dobson, Founder of Focus on the Family**

