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Dear Mr. Mullen:

Please forgive me for not responding to your letter of January 11, 2002 before now. What with trials, briefs and out of town trips, the month of January is little more than a blur.

The article that you enclosed is both interesting and thought provoking. The argument that you set forth is the first irrefutable and secular statement against the abortion advocates. It seems to me that the pro-lifers have allowed themselves to fall for the liberal view that the Constitution is the beginning and the end of every discussion. On the contrary, as you observe, the real soul of our Nation is to be found in the Declaration of Independence.

The Constitution is intended to be changeable by the process of an Amendment. The Declaration, on the other hand, was never meant to suffer change or amendment. So long as we remain a free people, the philosophy so brilliantly announced in that document must inform our polity. That is why your argument that the first freedom, life, trumps all other unalienable rights is so compelling.

One of the major problems in the abortion debate has been the charge that the pro-life position is, of necessity, grounded in religion. Your article and the reasoning it contains takes that assertion away from the murderers. By appealing to the soul of the national conscience, exclusive of religious concerns, you have given new life to a rational yet secular reason to oppose abortion. Moreover, it seems that an appeal to the intent of our Founding Fathers will be particularly effective at a time when Americans are returning to the patriotism and honor that has been in such short supply over the past eight years.

You asked for my suggestions as to the best place to seek

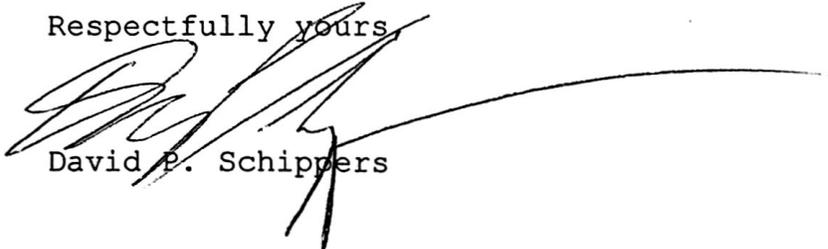
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publication for maximum exposure. Although your argument is based on secular tenants, I still feel that major publications will most likely be disinclined to print it. I therefore suggest that you contact either the "New Oxford Review" or the "National Review". The latter magazine has an extensive conservative readership. As you know, Bill Buckley is the founder. The "New Oxford Review", though not as well known or widely read, nonetheless reaches a vast audience of Orthodox Catholics and other Christians committed to the rights of unborn children. If I were to choose, I think I would select the "New Oxford Review" as the best place to fire the first shot and get the discussion started.

In that connection, I am enclosing a copy of the magazine's most recent edition. You will note the nature of articles and type of authors that contribute. On page 39, you will note the policy for submission or unsolicited manuscripts. Good Luck; I really think your article should be published soon.

Thank you again for writing and for sharing your well researched thoughts.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Schippers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David P. Schippers

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