



Re-Elect
Justice Richard B. Sanders
Washington State Supreme Court

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Dear

How often have you thought - if only we had someone on the Supreme Court who will stand on principle, would fight for us and speak out for families!

The fact is: we do, on the Washington State Supreme Court.

For the past 15 years, Justice Richard Sanders has fought for our liberty and our rights on the State Supreme Court and spoken out for the values we share.

We need to keep Justice Sanders on the Court with our contribution of \$1,000, \$250 or even \$100.

Let me tell you a story so you can see why Richard deserves our support.

In 1995, within minutes of being sworn in, Justice Sanders walked from the Temple of Justice to the March for Life Rally a few steps away.

It set off a firestorm of controversy and resulted in the freshman Justice being hauled before a disciplinary board. Here's a description from the Seattle Times:

**Judge's Speech at Abortion Rally Sets Off Dispute
on Free Speech and Impartiality**

By CAREY GOLDBERG
Published: March 22, 1997

An hour after he was sworn in as a Supreme Court justice of the State of Washington last year, Richard Sanders attended an anti-abortion rally at the state Capitol holding a red rose and made a one-minute speech that consisted mainly of these words:

"Nothing is, nor should be, more fundamental in our legal system than the preservation and protection of innocent human life. By coincidence, or perhaps by providence, my formal induction to the Washington State Supreme Court occurred about an hour ago. I owe my election to many of the people here today and I'm here to say thank you very much and good luck. Our mutual pursuit of justice requires a lifetime of dedication and courage."

He has been dealing with the consequences ever since.

After months of deliberation and an appeal, Sanders was cleared of wrongdoing but the die had been cast: the liberal establishment knew Sanders was not going to go along with a mainstream, politically correct agenda.

Since that fateful day when he was first sworn in, Sanders has continued to speak his

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mind and write his opinions fearlessly. In fact, since joining the Court he has written more opinions and dissents than any other Justice.

In 1997, he wrote the decision allowing volunteer chaplains at public facilities, arguing that the constitutional protection of religion must not be twisted into a prohibition of religion.

In 2006, he was the deciding vote in a 5-4 decision that upheld the traditional marriage law in Washington.

For his fearless defense of freedom, Justice Sanders has been criticized by the some of the liberal press and attacked by lawyers who prefer the political consensus that governs Washington.

This year, Justice Sanders is facing two challengers. One is a judge in Pierce County and the other is an appellate lawyer. It is the latter who has run a mud-slinging campaign from Day One.

Sanders' opponent is a liberal Democrat who was appointed to an appellate court bench by Governor Mike Lowry and served until voters threw him out the first time his name was on the ballot.

He has remained a fiercely partisan liberal, financially supporting Democratic legislators, Chris Gregoire, Jay Inslee, and presidential campaigner John Edwards, among others.

Make no mistake, Justice Sanders is being criticized because he speaks the truth, stands on principle, and defends our rights.

Justice Sanders has stood by us and protected us during his fifteen years on the court. Now we must protect him. This is the fight of his life and he needs our support now. This contest may be decided in the primary election August 17, and Sanders campaign needs to raise \$48,000 for radio ads in the next three weeks.

Please, make a contribution today, of \$1,000, \$500, \$250 or in any amount you can afford, up \$1,600 – or \$3,200 for a couple. Corporate and business contributions are also welcome.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Rep. Matt Shea

P.S. Justice Sanders needs our help right away. **Please write your check out right now and mail it in the enclosed envelope, or donate immediately at www.FriendsOfJustice.com.** The election is just 4 weeks away!