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Dear Friend,

This is not a fund raising letter, but if an organization called the Right to Live existed, this would be my appeal. What follows is a personal request for you and your friends to put women's lives above political party. **Please make sure you and your family vote to re-elect Mary Landrieu on Saturday, December 7.**

In the fall of 1987, I was told that I was pregnant. Ordinarily, this news would bring great joy and excitement to a family; for us, our reaction was one of fear. Five years previous, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. At the time, I was cautioned against any future pregnancies. I had a mastectomy, received six months of chemotherapy and underwent a preventive mastectomy to reduce my risk of recurrence. I was determined to do whatever it took to survive and raise our two children.

In 1987, rather than risk a recurrence of cancer, I also underwent an abortion. I will never forget or regret the events of those few days. I have survived to see my daughter enter medical school and our son move into adulthood, largely due to the aggressive treatment I chose and the opportunity to terminate a pregnancy that might have endangered my life.

Last week, on *Meet the Press*, Suzie Terrell clearly stated that she would vote for a constitutional amendment banning all abortions, no exceptions. She also said she would support legislation that would make women and doctors criminals. Suzie Terrell told *Gambit Weekly* during her endorsement interview that she would oppose any Supreme Court nominee who favors *Roe v. Wade*. Her campaign ads confuse morning after contraception with abortion pills.

I am not a criminal. I am a mother. And because of that, I have revealed my family's private story. I am asking you to do all you can to re-elect Mary Landrieu on Saturday, December 7. Vote. Take your family and neighbors to the polls. Tell them this election is important. Tell them to do what is necessary to protect their family, as I did fifteen years ago.

Sincerely,



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PS: My story is not unique. Thousands of women each year face similar excruciating situations, making difficult choices based on their own individual circumstances and beliefs. Whether you are a Democrat, Republican or Independent, please vote for Senator Mary Landrieu on Saturday, December 7.