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Ms. Oprah Winfrey
Founder & Editorial Director
Oprah Magazine
300 W 57th St., 36th Floor
New York City, NY 10019

Dear Oprah,

I read with great interest the article on pages 42-43 in the March, 2010 copy of Oprah magazine. In this article you wrote about the Discovery Channel's *Life* series on how we "cohabit, thrive, and survive here on our beautiful planet." The photos themselves were truly amazing and I look forward to seeing all 11 episodes.

As the Executive Director for the Sacramento Life Center, a non-profit clinic dedicated to helping women and men make LIFESAVING choices for their preborn children, I was particularly struck at your insight: "I marvel at the beauty and wonder of nature and am in *perpetual awe of the miracle of life in all forms...*" (emphasis added).

The "miracle of life" is most profoundly in evidence when two human beings co-create a third distinct, separate tiny human being. From a purely biological or scientific perspective, one can not help but be "in perpetual awe" that this tiny human being has a heart that begins beating 21 days after conception, often before a woman even knows she is pregnant!

I am not writing to ask you to endorse anything, sponsor anything, or even give me free tickets to your TV show. I am simply writing to ask you to meditate on the miracle of life, in all its forms, including most especially human life. I hope your experience narrating this series will enable you to embrace a deep, unalterable respect for human LIFE, regardless of its size or its temporary living address.

Thank you Oprah for what you can do to promote LIFE.

Sincerely,

Colleen T. Branagan
Executive Director

P.S. If you would ever be interested in hosting a dialogue about how our country can promote a culture of LIFE, I would be honored to suggest ways that could be respectful, educational, and informative.