



## MMN – Monday, November 30, 2009

*Mission: The purpose of the Democratic Women's Caucus is to fund, inspire, recruit, support, and train progressive, pro-choice women to increase the numbers of women in the electoral process and in elected and appointed positions*

Dear Lisa,

Monday  
Morning News

November 30<sup>th</sup>

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- Attend the International Free-Trade Market at IU on Thursday...
- What YOU can do to fight the anti-choice amendment now in Congress!
- People with medical backgrounds needed to serve in January...
- On Friday, come out to Relish to meet our own Lorraine Merriman Farrell...
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### DECEMBER BREAKFAST IS FRIDAY – STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD!

Join us December 4 for our breakfast meeting at the Village Deli, **7:30am**, where we will elect Steering Committee members and hear **State Senator Vi Simpson**, who will talk about her meetings with the Indiana Department of Transportation about I-69, among other items, and **County Councilor Julie Thomas**, who will talk about the Metropolitan Planning Committee, of which she is a member. As required by Federal legislation, an MPO is an organization created to conduct regional transportation planning in urban areas where the population exceeds 50,000 people. The MPO provides a forum for coordinating the transportation planning practices of local communities within a regional framework that benefits all citizens. The MPO has been in the news recently as it voted to allow the city to purchase a home on Tapp Road / SR 37 for affordable housing, and INDOT has now called all state-highway funding in the area into question (I-69 and the 45/45 Bypass widening project). This is where the rubber meets the road (pun intended) – you won't want to miss this informative program!

If you have an announcement, please send it to [dwcannouncements@gmail.com](mailto:dwcannouncements@gmail.com) by no later than Wednesday, December 2, at 8pm. It will be placed in the announcement sheet that will be handed to each breakfast attendee on Friday morning. Please note that there will be NO outside announcements, other than those contained in the handout.

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### STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE HOSTING A FAIR-TRADE MARKET AT IU THIS WEEK...

SIFE's 5th Annual International Fair-Trade Market is being held Thursday, December 3, from 10am - 4pm at the Indiana Memorial Union on the IU campus. Check it out at: <http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/12564.html>

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### THE STUPAK/PITTS AMENDMENT IS JUST PLAIN DANGEROUS – ACTION IS NEEDED NOW!

Emily's List has action steps for you to take on the Stupak/Pitts amendment; see them at [http://action.stopstupak.com/p/dia/action/public/?action\\_KEY=385](http://action.stopstupak.com/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=385). The letter reads:

We must act now to stop the Stupak/Pitts Amendment.

This amendment goes further than any previous federal law to restrict access to abortion - and it's up to us to ensure it is removed before the legislation is enacted into law. It would prohibit millions of women from getting coverage for abortion in their health insurance plans, even if they pay for it themselves!

We know our candidates in the House and Senate will fight tooth and nail to prevent this new restriction on women's rights from becoming law. They are the firewall against any new restrictions on a woman's right to choose, but they need our voices to join with theirs if we are going to win this battle. We must act now to tell Congress that we will not accept a new restriction on our rights.

I have already added my name to this call to action. Will you join me to send a clear message: We will not stand for health care reform that makes women less healthy and less safe. <http://stopstupak.com> (end of letter)

You can also call Baron Hill's local office to voice your support of overall Health Care Reform with the public option but minus the onerous amendment: (812) 336-6000. Evan Bayh's staff can be reached by calling his Washington office at (202) 224-5623 or faxing it at (202) 228-1377. Reach his Indianapolis office at (317) 554-0750.

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