

Statement Regarding Planned Parenthood Action Fund's Political Activities

Public Citizen has revised its New Stealth PACs report, which chronicled electioneering activities of Section 501(c) groups and was published in September 2004. The revision reduces the estimated "political" spending of the Planned Parenthood Action Fund from approximately \$1.6 million to approximately \$1.3 million for 2000 and from \$659,000 to \$490,041 for 2002.

The error for 2000 was caused by inaccurately attributing to Planned Parenthood Action Fund, a 501(c)(4) entity, some of the expenditures of its federal PAC, a separate entity, tax exempt under section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code. With regard to the estimated 2002 spending, we relied on outside sources and studies that did not break down the estimated spending by Planned Parenthood's separate entities. Our revised figure is based on Planned Parenthood Action Fund's report to the IRS, which we have no reason to doubt.

We regret our error.

The reduction in our estimate of Planned Parenthood Action Fund's political expenditures lowers our study's estimate of 501(c) groups' total political spending in 2000 and 2002 from \$88.4 million to \$87.8 million and slightly alters other totals in the report, such as the ratio of expenditures by Republican-leaning and Democratic-leaning groups.