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October 29, 2010

Dear FCLNY member:

I am writing to you today to give you an important update on the status of *Feminists Choosing Life of New York vs. Empire State Stem Cell Committee*. As you may know, in July 2009, the ESSCC passed a Resolution to allow the use of NY state taxpayer funds to compensate women up to \$10,000 for expenses related to egg donation for use in embryonic stem cell research. In response to this decision, FCLNY filed a lawsuit against the ESSCC on the basis of our belief that the Resolution violates the statute under which the ESSCC operates and that this program constitutes undue enticement and exploitation of young, economically vulnerable women.

In July, 2010, Honorable Judge Roger D. McDough handed down his decision against FCLNY stating that the Resolution does not violate the statutes and that the organization lacks standing to bring this case since we are not representing a woman who has actually been harmed by the procedure. We believe that the decision is wrong and if allowed to stand will eventually result in women being harmed. FCLNY filed our appeal in August, 2010 and our briefs are currently due in December. We are hopeful for a positive outcome in this case.

FCLNY thanks you for the incredible generosity and support shown during this endeavor. You have made our fight for the safety of women in New York possible. As FCLNY moves into this next phase of the lawsuit, our need for financial contributions to our legal fund continue. We ask that you once again consider making a donation. As a sign of our appreciation, FCLNY will give a one year free membership for all contributions of \$50 or more.

To make your tax deductible donation, please send a check to:

Feminists Choosing Life of New York

P.O. Box 10188

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Or go to: www.feministschoosinglife.org and follow the prompts to make a payment through PayPal.

Sincerely,

Kelly Vincent-Brunacini, FCLNY Executive Director
And FCLNY Board of Directors