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Dear National Day of Appreciation for Abortion Providers Organizers:

You have no idea how much your appreciation packet means to us on March 10 every year.

Our work and the women we see are so inspiring - we wish we could share their stories with everyone. I want to take a moment to do that now.

Many will say, "I'm sure you've heard this a thousand times..." What they don't realize is that we have not - each story is unique in its poignance and valor.

The obstacles these women face in obtaining abortion care in this society are in many ways worse than the ones I faced in obtaining my pre-*Roe* abortion. This culture of shame and false piety has wounded them deeply. Fetuses on billboards are a common part of our landscape. Fears of impacting future pregnancies are huge. Self-loathing is common. They call themselves selfish and irresponsible. The guilt that is factory-installed in women at birth is compounded by the politicians, priests, and Puritanism surrounding them.

We work hard to convince them that they didn't do this on purpose, this happened to them. We have the honor of helping them see their strength, define their goals, and understand that whatever decision they make is not only right for them, but for their present and future children as well.

To watch them enter our clinic hunched and withdrawn, then leave with hugs, smiles, renewed faith in themselves is a privilege.

Thank you for your love and support on the National Day of Appreciation for Abortion Providers. You show us that our work is honored.

All the best,
Jane Cerilli
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