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Major pro-life group agrees:

ESCH OWES AN APOLOGY TO PRO-LIFE FAMILIES

OMAHA—Nebraskans United for Life has joined a call for Democratic congressional candidate Jim Esch to apologize for his recent comment that pro-life supporters are “extremist.”

Anne Marie Bowen, president of the group, today said: “We were very disappointed to read Mr. Esch’s comment. He clearly infers that pro-life supporters are taking some kind of ‘extreme’ position. That simply is not true. We proudly stand up for the right to life of all humans, born and unborn.”

Esch’s insulting remark was contained in a July 30 article in *Omaha City Weekly* newspaper. In response to a question about abortion, Esch said, “. . . the Right to Life side is a little more extremist”

Ms. Bowen added, “Mr. Esch should apologize immediately to all pro-life families in Nebraska’s Second District. His comments are divisive, uncalled for and out-of-line.”

Nebraskans United for Life is a long-established and well-respected pro-life organization headquartered in Omaha. (*Telephone: 399-0299*)

Mr. Chuck Maxwell, a life-long Democrat and active member of the Catholic community in Omaha, reacted with puzzlement to Esch’s slander. “I guess I’m an extremist by some people’s definition, but I’m just a regular guy trying to follow common sense and what the Holy Father says.” Maxwell, 73, is leading the Terry campaign’s outreach efforts to Catholic pro-life voters throughout the district.

Julie Schmit-Albin, president of Nebraska Right to Life, Inc., offered her thoughts on the growing controversy in a posting yesterday on a liberal Democratic website: “I can understand the Terry campaign asking for a clarification and/or apology because Esch’s unfortunate choice of words does tend to lump 99 percent of Nebraska’s pro-lifers in with the few extremists who have perpetrated acts of violence.” (www.newnebraska.net, *Terry demands Esch apologize to himself, August 7 post, comment section*)

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“Nebraskans United for Life, respected life-long Democrat Chuck Maxwell and Nebraska Right to Life, Inc., all take issue with Jim Esch’s recent comment aimed at pro-life believers. He should apologize today for the comment,” said Richard Carter, senior advisor and “truth squad” head of the Terry for Congress campaign.

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