## CEO's Mothers' Day Letters to First Lady Maria Shriver ~

## The purpose of the Mothers' Day letter-writing campaign:

- 1. To create a **cohesive**, **broad-based and effective constituency** made up of consumers, taxpayers, childbirth and public health professionals committed to reforming our national maternity care policy, which includes a **recognition of the ethical and constitutional rights of competent adult women** to have control over the manner and circumstances of pregnancy and normal birth and the care of their newborn.
- 2. To bring about **legislative hearings on the issues identified in the CEO White Paper** and in this document, including the off-label use of Cytotec for labor induction, the ever-climbing cesarean section and maternal mortality rate, the danger in promoting the maternal choice cesarean as the so-called "ideal' form of childbirth and the physically damaging effects on the healthy of the pelvic floor and pelvic organs associated with medical management of vaginal birth
- 3. To facilitate passage of legislation mandating that physicians obtain true informed consent before substituting medical and surgical interventions in place of the safer, evidence-based principles of physiological management and provide full information about the risks of medical or surgical intervention they recommend

## **Ending Flat Earth Obstetrics**

- 1. Read the <u>position paper</u> to get an idea of the general topics targeted by C.E.O. Pick one or choose your own topic.
- 2. Date your letter for Mothers' Day 2004.
- 3. Limit yourself to one or two topics. Letters should be <u>no longer</u> than 1 1/2 pages -- one page is best, type that is anything longer than a page.
- 5. Mail original to the Office of the First Lady (full address below),
- 6. Forward an email copy of your letter to info@ sicencebasedbirth.com so that a copy of your letter can be added to the CEO correspondance archive
- 7. All letters will be posted in an archive on www.ScienceBasedBirth.com
- 8. Call Donna Russell if you have questions to complex for email 1- 530-534-9758

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