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LIEBERMAN BOOSTS SUPPORT FOR NARAL PRO-CHOICE CT
AT ANNUAL "PRO-CHOICE MEN COOK BRUNCH" EVENT

WESTPORT, CT - ON SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2005 SENATOR JOE LIEBERMAN JOINED CONNECTICUT ATTORNEY GENERAL DICK BLUMENTHAL, FIRST SELECTWOMAN OF WESTPORT DIANE FARRELL, AND CONNECTICUT STATE COMPTROLLER NANCY WYMAN AT THE HOME OF BILL SCHEFFLER AND ANN SHEFFER IN WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT, TO KICK-OFF THE NEW NARAL 2005 FUNDRAISING PROGRAM. THE ANNUAL "PRO-CHOICE MEN COOK BRUNCH" EVENT FEATURED A BRUNCH PREPARED BY LOCAL MALE LEGISLATORS AND OTHER PRO-CHOICE MEN FOR THE SEVENTY-FIVE ATTENDEES.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 32ND YEAR OF THE LANDMARK DECISION OF ROE VS. WADE, LIEBERMAN EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE, STRESSING HIS CONCERN THAT JUDGES NOT BE WAIVED INTO THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM THROUGH ATTEMPTS BY SENATE REPUBLICANS TO CHANGE THE FILIBUSTER RULES IN THE SENATE AND ELIMINATE DEBATE. LIEBERMAN STRONGLY OPPOSES THIS EFFORT, WHICH HAS BEEN TERMED THE "NUCLEAR" OPTION. HE URGED ATTENDEES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER STATES TO PERSUADE THEIR SENATORS TO REJECT THIS OPTION.

"I AM STANDING WITH MY FELLOW DEMOCRATS IN THE SENATE AGAINST THE REPUBLICAN NUCLEAR OPTION TO BAN THE REQUIREMENT FOR BIPARTISAN MAJORITIES BECAUSE I WANT TO ENSURE JUDGES APPOINTED FOR LIFE HAVE BIPARTISAN SUPPORT AND TO ENSURE IMPORTANT LEGISLATION AND RULINGS - LIKE ROE V. WADE - ARE UPHOLD," LIEBERMAN SAID. "I AM STANDING UP TO SAVE THE FILIBUSTER BECAUSE IS VITAL TO MODERATE, BIPARTISAN GOVERNMENT. THAT WAS THE VISION OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS AND THE SPIRIT OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT."