

# National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women

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Dear Wilma:

I would like to invite you to join the National Advisory Council of the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women. We are currently in the process of updating and expanding our National Advisory Council and think you would be an excellent addition. We turn to you because of your excellent work in support of women generally, and battered women specifically. We appreciate all your help and support over the years, and want to acknowledge your contributions to the National Clearinghouse.

As you probably know, the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women has not had the resources to bring together Advisory Council Members as a group. Rather, National Clearinghouse staff and board members have turned to individual members for specific assistance and advice.

Since we have not managed to hit the lottery (yet!), we will continue to utilize National Advisory Council members as we have in the past -- as individuals who agree to lend their names and their time to support the National Clearinghouse. We hope that you will be willing to serve as a National Advisory Council member. Your public support of our organization is important and you bring additional credibility to our organization. We dream of the day that we can bring together this impressive group of Advisors. Unfortunately, I don't think that will happen anytime soon.

We are making the membership a little more formal than we had in the past. We are asking people to commit for two years effective August 1, 1993. At the end of two years we will give members who continue to support the work of the National Clearinghouse the opportunity to join again if they so choose. In addition, we are asking people to return the enclosed sheet so that we have an agreement in writing. For your convenience, I have also enclosed an addressed envelope.

In addition, I have enclosed a listing of the current Advisory Council members and their addresses. I have also enclosed a listing of other people we are asking to join. (We are open to suggestions as well. Are we missing someone that should be on this list? If you know of people that you think we should approach, please let me know.)