

Open Letter

To: FX Entertainment Chairman John Landgraf and the Director of AKA Jane Roe Nick Sweeney

From: The Pro-life Advocates who Actually Knew Norma McCorvey

Dear Mr. Landgraf and Mr. Sweeney,

The following is a joint statement from pro-life leaders who knew her, some for decades, some who took her into their homes and shared their lives for years, in response to widespread media reports on the FX' AKA Jane Roe that focuses on Norma McCorvey, set to air Friday, May 22.

Not content with trashing pro-life hero [Phyllis Schlafly](#), [FX](#) has now set its sights on a pro-choice heroine turned pro-life heroine; Norma McCorvey (*Roe* in *Roe v. Wade*). Most of us have seen caricatures of ourselves in the media made possible by selective editing, outright omissions, and direct falsehoods. An entertainment enterprise is the last place any of us would seek out for the facts on women whom we actually knew, loved and admired.

Norma was a woman who [lived a complicated life](#) and experienced many heartaches. She struggled to make her place in the world, but she never had an abortion, though the minds behind *Roe v. Wade* used her ruthlessly to achieve legal abortion. She regretted the way she was used in the case that ultimately carried her name. We know this because she said so, directly, to many of us. And as we personally know, she carried her pro-life convictions with pride and passion. And in a sworn affidavit, [she affirmed her convictions](#), signing her name to this statement: "I obviously advocated legalized abortion for many years following *Roe v. Wade*. But, working in the abortion clinics forced me to accept what abortion really is: It is a violent act which kills human beings and destroys the peace and the real interests of the mothers involved."

At the end of her life, some of us engaged with Norma and were able to spend time with her. This also makes us wonder about the broader context of the conversations presented in this edited documentary designed to shock and undermine her story. We ask for the unedited footage of the exchanges, to see for ourselves just what was left on the proverbial cutting room floor.

With the strength of the pro-life movement throwing that Supreme Court decision back into the balance, the abortion industry and its media lackies are scrambling to rewrite history and shift public sentiment in favor of *Roe* in order to protect abortion. What does it mean to support *Roe v. Wade*? It means supporting an unjust and unconstitutional ruling that sanctioned the violent killings of 60 million American children *and counting*. It

means applauding a death count that grows by the thousands each day. It means protecting the license to kill.

The bottom line is that the woman we knew personally does not resemble the woman portrayed on FX, which is why we skeptically reject a production that came out after Norma's death, when she couldn't correct the record for herself and which [contradicted her earlier statements](#). Fact Check FX: your production doesn't line up with the decades of friendship we personally shared with Norma. FX, we don't believe you and want to see the raw footage.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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