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David A. Ricks  
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Dear Mr. Ricks,

We write in response to recent [reports](#) detailing Eli Lilly's decision to contract with CRC Advisors, a consulting firm run by Leonard Leo, a key architect of the current U.S. Supreme Court responsible for restricting abortion rights in America. As a company that has [publicly opposed strict abortion restrictions](#), Eli Lilly's relationship with CRC Advisors contradicts its own stated values.

The Supreme Court's decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* has harmed [more than 15 million women of color](#) nationwide and [forced women to endure unviable pregnancies and resulting medical crises](#). Leonard Leo [dedicated his career to building a Supreme Court](#) bench that would overturn *Roe v. Wade*. As President Trump's judicial advisor, Leo [handpicked and worked to confirm](#) Justices Gorsuch, Kavanaugh, and Coney Barrett, each of whom voted to overturn the federal right to abortion. Leo's impact on the degradation of reproductive freedom cannot be overstated.

As you well know, Eli Lilly's home state of Indiana [effectively banned abortion](#) following the *Dobbs* decision. In response, Eli Lilly ["issued a strong objection to the new restrictions"](#) and announced plans to build its workforce outside Indiana, citing employee recruitment and retention concerns. Additionally, the company noted its decision to expand health plans to cover travel for reproductive services.

Given Eli Lilly's clear [support for abortion access](#), the choice to contract with Leonard Leo's personal firm contradicts its publicly stated values. Eli Lilly's ongoing financial relationship with CRC Advisors continues to support the post-*Dobbs* attack on reproductive rights.

Last fall, Leonard Leo's nonprofit network [funneled \\$18 million](#) into efforts to oppose Issue 1, a ballot initiative enshrining reproductive rights in the Ohio constitution. Leo's Concord Fund poured over [\\$8 million](#) into anti-abortion efforts in Kansas as citizens considered a ballot measure protecting abortion rights in the state.

Abortion is a life-or-death issue for many of your customers, employees, and Americans everywhere. We strongly urge Eli Lilly to denounce CRC Advisors' relationship with anti-abortion extremism.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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