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**SANDERS DECRIES BUSH POSITION ON ABORTION; WILL JOIN VERMONTERS
AT MASSIVE PRO-CHOICE RALLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SUNDAY**

Rep. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., said today that the Bush administration must be stopped in its effort to curtail abortion rights and that he is pleased to be marching with hundreds of Vermont women in Washington, D.C. April 5, to demand full reproductive rights for all women.

"I am outraged that the President of the United States believes he is entitled to take away a woman's right to control her own body," Sanders said. "We must send President Bush a message: we won't go back to the dark days when abortions were performed in back alleys. Freedom means the right of women, whatever race, income level or status to have decent health care including full knowledge of the options available to them during pregnancy and full control of their bodies. We will accept no less."

Sanders is a co-sponsor of the Freedom of Choice Act. Hundreds of thousands of women and men coming to Washington from across the country will be marching in support of the Act which would prevent states from restricting abortion rights.

The march, organized by the National Organization for Women, comes three weeks before the Supreme Court hears arguments on a case that could restrict or overturn legalized abortion. Prior to the march, Sanders will attend a Congressional breakfast at the Mayflower Hotel sponsored by NARAL and other pro-choice groups. Some three dozen bus loads of Vermonters will be heading for Washington on Saturday to participate in the march and rally.

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