



## **POSITION: WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**

**NOMINEE:** Ellen Moran

**Born:** May 1, 1966, in Troy, N.Y., and grew up in Amherst, Mass.

**Occupation:** Prior to joining White House staff, Moran was executive director of EMILY's List, where she oversaw the national staff and charted the overall strategic direction of the organization to provide financial assistance to female candidates in the Democratic Party who take liberal pro-choice political stances.

**Education:** B.A. in political science and English literature from Wheaton College.

**Clinton White House:** Helped plan both Clinton inaugurals, a staunch advocate for Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton through the entire primary season, shifting her support to Mr. Obama only after Mrs. Clinton conceded the Democratic presidential nomination in June, 2009.

**Further resume:** Ms. Moran was the coordinator of the A.F.L.-C.I.O.'s "corporate accountability campaign" against Wal-Mart. During a leave of absence in 2004, she managed "independent expenditures," advertising and other campaign activities for the Democratic National Committee. She also directed a \$50 million issue advocacy campaign for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in 2000, and worked on Senator Tom Harkin's presidential campaign in 1992.

**Definition of Role:** The White House Director of Communications is a key position responsible for developing and promoting the President's agenda and leading the President's media campaign. The director, along with his or her staff, works on speeches such as the inaugural address and the State of the Union Address.

### **Emily's List**

"EMILY's List, whose name is an acronym (Early Money is Like Yeast), is a national political action committee that works to elect pro-choice female Democrats. The group has turned the bundling of campaign contributions into an art form"

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In August 2006, the EL website stated, "Since our founding, we have helped elect 61 pro-choice Democratic women members of Congress, 11 senators, and eight governors." These figures do not include the hundreds of local candidates whose campaigns EL has supported over the years. Among the notable recipients of EL funding have been Cynthia McKinney, Maxine Waters, Sheila Jackson-Lee, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barbara Boxer, Patty Murray, Dianne Feinstein, Jan Schakowsky, Barbara Lee, Hilda Solis, Diane Watson, Lynn Woolsey, Rosa DeLauro, Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Nydia Velazquez, and Tammy Baldwin. Many of these are members of the Progressive Caucus."

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### **Emily's List's Radical Pro-Abortion Litmus Test**

#### **Partial-birth Abortion**

"Formally, there are only three requirements for a candidate to earn EL's support: The candidate must be a woman; she must be a Democrat; and she must support unrestricted access to taxpayer-funded abortion-on-demand. EMILY's List has withdrawn its support from women who vote against even the most extreme abortion positions. For instance, Mary Landrieu, the recently re-elected Democratic Senator from Louisiana, lost EL's backing when she voted in favor of a ban on partial-birth abortion." [\[Source\]](#)

“EMILY's List helped elect two women U.S. senators, Mary Landrieu (D-La.) and Blanche Lincoln Lambert (D-Ar.), in 1996 and 1998, respectively. In 1999, the Senate considered the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. Both Landrieu and Lambert first voted for a ‘substitute amendment’ that would have gutted the ban -- but when that attack failed, they also voted to pass the ban. That was enough to get them excommunicated by EMILY's List.

In the group's December 1999 newsletter, EMILY's List President Ellen Malcolm stated that it would no longer support the two senators because they had voted to ban partial-birth abortions. Malcolm wrote, ‘Since these senators no longer meet EMILY's List's criteria on choice, they will be removed from the EMILY's List advisory committee and will no longer be eligible for EMILY's List support.’” [\[Source\]](#)

### **Taxpayer Funding of Abortion**

“EMILY's List has taken a similar hard line on the issue of tax funding of abortions. In 1993, EMILY's List reprinted its stationary to remove the names of two House members -- Karen Thurman (D-Fl.) and Jill Long (D-In.). Both lawmakers had overall pro-abortion voting records, but they had both voted to renew the Hyde Amendment, prohibiting federal funding of abortions except to save the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest.”

[\[Source\]](#)

### **President Obama's Circle of Death**

“While the media spent much of December and January chattering about the selection of mega-church pastor Rick Warren to deliver the inaugural invocation, Obama was quietly filling his administration with members of the abortion lobby. NARAL's former legal director, Dawn Johnsen, will serve as assistant attorney general for the Office of Legal Counsel. Secretary of Health and Human Services-designate Tom Daschle, who led the fight in the Senate against the ban on partial-birth abortion, will help devise the health care plan, which Obama promised would cover abortions. Melody Barnes, a onetime Planned Parenthood board member, left her job at the left-wing Center for American Progress to serve as the director of the White House Domestic Policy Council. Ellen Moran left her job as executive director of Emily's List, a pro-choice political action committee, to head the White House communications team. And just in case pro-choicers still doubted whether they had the president's ear, Michelle Obama's chief of staff, Jackie Norris, was once a Planned Parenthood board member too.”

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Additionally Thomas Perrelli, the lawyer who successfully represented Terri Schiavo's husband Michael in his efforts to starve his wife to death, has been nominated as Associate Attorney General at the Justice Department. David Ogden, nominee for Deputy Attorney General, has argued in court that 14-year old girls should be considered as adults in cases of abortion and against parents being notified. Additionally Mr. Ogden has argued that abortion does not harm women in any way and in fact they feel “happy and relieved” [\[Source\]](#)