

Dear SSR Colleague:

In this election year, we have heard a great deal about tax cuts. Did you know that you can reduce your tax burden by making a tax-deductible contribution to the SSR Endowment Fund? Not only do you reap the benefit of a tax deduction, but you help to ensure the future of *your* society as well. The SSR endowment fund was initiated in 1995, with the goal to raise \$1,000,000. We are almost halfway there!! When we reach our goal, the income from the endowment will be used to support the speaker and trainee expenses at the annual meeting, and special educational programs. Changes in public policy may negatively affect income from our journal subscriptions, and income from the endowment will be increasingly more important to maintain the excellent programs and services offered by the SSR.

We are asked to contribute to many worthy causes. Surely, SSR must rank as one of the most important to your own career and the future of reproductive biology. So, please take a few minutes to fill out the enclosed donor card. The following are categories for recognition, but no gift is too small: Platinum, >\$5,000; Gold, \$2,500–\$4,999; Silver, \$1,000–\$2,499; Bronze, \$250–\$999; and Contributor, \$1–\$249. All who contribute will be recognized in the SSR Newsletter and at the 2005 Annual Meeting.

If you prefer, you may designate that your gift be used for the Legacy Fund, a special Endowment established to sustain our excellent journal, *Biology of Reproduction*. The Legacy Fund was established to pay for the conversion of all back issues of *BOR* into a digital, indexed archive, and to both enhance and maintain this valuable collection. To restrict your gift for this use, please mark the appropriate box on the enclosed donor card.

With best wishes,

Joy Pate
President