
many times a day a parent hugs a child, how many families kneel together in prayer, how often a husband encourages his wife, or a wife her husband. These days too many of our political leaders don't seem to understand that these are the very things that matter most in a civilized society and that, when done well, they make it possible for government to carry out its responsibilities.

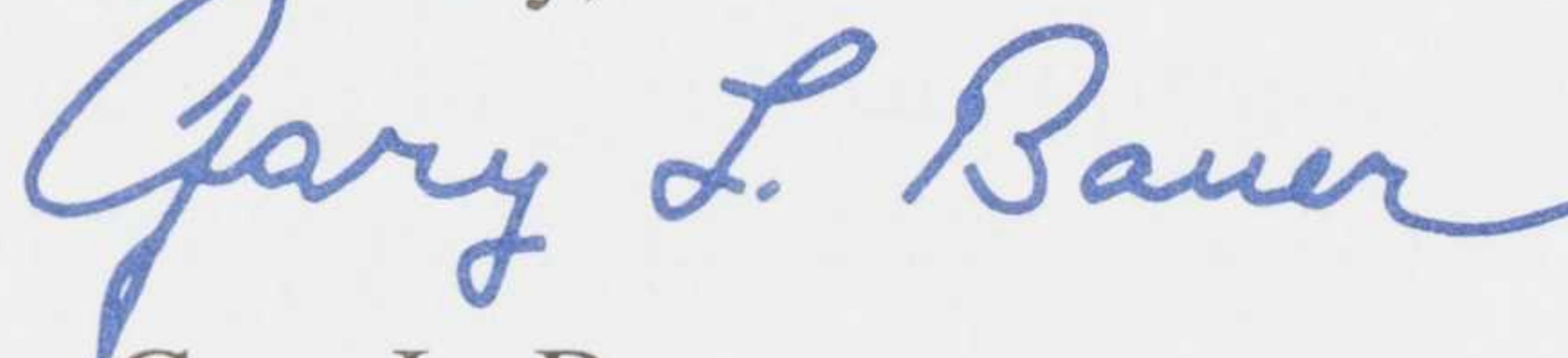
As President of the Family Research Council, I will continue to promote and persuade on behalf of the pro-family cause. FRC will persistently advocate tax relief, educational choice, curbs on crime and pornography, the sanctity of life and legal protection for the special status of marriage and parenthood. But, most of all, I will continue to call for moral leaders in government and society who have the vision to talk without shame about the need for virtue. From a better people, who heed "the better angels of their nature," will come a better government and a brighter future for families. On that day, chances are, our deficit will come into line, too.

I saved the best for last, but I'm not very subtle. As a reader of my letters you might have already guessed what my last words this month might be. A wise person once said that the problem with life is that it is "lived forward, but understood backward." That is true of a great many things in this world, but it is not true of Him whose suffering, death and resurrection are the central focus of all history for those who believe. When we look at the world through the light of that first Easter Sunday, wisdom can come before experience.

My family loves this time of year as I am sure yours does. It has been a long, rough winter and, along with everyone else, the Bauer family is looking forward to spring weather and summer down the road. But the real spring we look forward to most of all is not of this earth. On that glorious morning, we will finally be home at last.

As always, thank you for your friendship and financial support. Thank you especially for your commitment to the self-government under God that is family life. By your commitment alone, you are doing more than you will ever know to make and keep our nation strong.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Bauer
President

P.S. Speaking of self government and families, I know you rejoice with me over our tremendous victory on H.R. 6! As you may know, an amendment to this bill threatened a federal takeover of private, religious and home schools. Your calls and letters literally brought the House of Representatives to a standstill for nearly seven days. The House vote of 420-1 to amend the legislation is a tribute to your vigilance. The final bill still has major problems, but your action removed some of the most frightening provisions. Long ago it was said of the House of Representatives, "Here sir, the people rule." You proved it! God bless you for standing tall with us in this effort.
