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Dear Friend,

I don't believe this letter needs to be long. You know what Family Research Council does. You know well the work we've been doing the past 16 years and the way we've done it. This letter is only intended to remind you of our work and its urgency.

Today FRC stands at a new crossroads in our history of representing America's families in Washington, D.C. In some ways, this has been our best year ever. On front after front, our dedicated staff has waged and won policy fights for the pro-family cause.

We have not finished, even though some leaders of our movement have counseled pro-family groups to retrench and accept defeat. Instead, we have moved forward, winning both debates and pro-family votes on an impressive array of issues. From marriage tax relief and filters that protect our children from Internet pornography, to the Ten Commandments Defense Act and education reforms intended to put parents back in charge of our schools, our victories are many.

The enclosed report – representing FRC's efforts for the last six months – says it all. I encourage you to put it in your purse, briefcase or car, and when you get a spare moment during your busy day, read it all the way through.

We all know that in today's world there are incredible demands. I also know that you are pressed on all sides with worthy requests for your financial support. I know as well that you have made a priority of supporting church and family, and that is as it should be.

When you have addressed those needs in these closing weeks of 1999, I humbly ask you to remember FRC's needs as well. There is no other organization in the nation's capital that is working full-time for families with the vigor and dependability of FRC.

On January 1, 2000 a pivotal election year will begin. The impact of those elections will affect our agenda for years to come. But the results are uncertain, and we simply cannot afford to wait. FRC's semi-annual report shows that we have been pushing hard on a dozen or more major policy initiatives that could succeed – or fail – in 2000. These same issues could drive the national policy debate, but only if we can elevate them in Congress, the state capitals, and the media.

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