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Dear Friend:

How urgent is it for you to stay involved in the public policy debates raging in America today? I believe that there is no time more urgent than the present. Every pro-family man and woman in the country is needed -- every voice, every letter, every phone call, every vote we can muster.

The reason is simple. For 40 years, America waged a Cold War to protect our national security against the godless ideology of communism. Today, that Cold War has receded, but another one has replaced it: The Cold War against the family is in full swing. And the godless ideology of this war is not communism but relativism.

This ideology is a chameleon. It comes in many colors. At the individual level, it says, "If it feels good, do it." At the social level, it says, "What's right for you isn't right for me." At the international level, it says, "They do things differently in foreign countries. Who are we to judge?"

Relativism only masquerades as a creed. It really is nothing more than a recipe for social breakdown and self-destruction. We see that recipe working itself out in declining educational achievement, school hallways where bullets fly, media saturated with pornographic images, a rising tide of broken homes, and the persecution of religious believers.

The cords of relativism are now wound so deeply around the heart of our civic life that they are strangling nearly all discussion of moral values in the public square. These are the cords that tie together issue after issue, from coercion of the Boy Scouts into admitting open homosexuals, to the brutality of partial-birth abortion, to the corruption of public office for personal pleasure and political gain.

Certainly, as mothers and fathers, as people of faith, we must pray for these cords to be broken and for moral discourse to be restored to our public life. But as citizens and as voters, as constituents and as community leaders, we must take action, too. This is the reason why Dr. James Dobson and I have devoted so much time lately to persuading conservative leaders in Congress and around the country to adopt, articulate, and advance a social issue agenda.