

Chairman Admiral Thomas J. Moorer, who heads our Military Readiness Project.

We also provide a broad base of reliable research, facts and statistics to support the pro-family arguments we make. In fact, it is this information base that gives the Family Research Council an advantage over so many organizations in DC. Policy-makers know that when they receive information from FRC, they'll get an objective presentation of the facts and a reasoned approach to the issues -- not emotional rhetoric and coercive threats.

In short, FRC is different, and that difference is paying off in ways that really matter.

For example, FRC led the fight to force the removal of embattled Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders. We also took the lead in opposing the nomination of her replacement, Dr. Henry Foster, as surgeon general. FRC convinced a majority of members of Congress to endorse a \$500-per-child tax credit which will dramatically ease the federal tax burden on America's families.

And we've helped lead the opposition to the Administration's education scheme within Goals 2000 by championing the return of control over schools to state governments, local communities, and above all, to parents.

Our commitment to promote and defend traditional family values combined with the high quality and reputability of the information we distribute, have earned the Family Research Council a trusted, and effective presence on Capitol Hill. FRC is consulted daily by members of Congress and their staffs, the media, policy-makers from around the nation, and scores of concerned citizens.

In fact, as House Majority Leader Dick Armey recently said, *"If the Family Research Council did not exist, someone would have to invent it. When members of Congress need solid, reliable information to help defend the family against the destructive forces of moral relativism, social engineering, and big government, we turn to Gary Bauer's FRC. In Washington's fierce policy debates, FRC's superior analysis and research have given the pro-family movement an effective voice -- and a fighting chance."*

Everything we've accomplished to date will be put to the test in 1996. Even if we wanted to, we cannot rest on our laurels. The 1996 elections will determine whether the gains made in 1994 are the beginning of a lasting shift in America's political landscape, or if they were simply, a one-time aberration.

Of course, in addition to our daily challenges, FRC has much work to do to prepare for the battles which lie ahead. I'm not for a moment forgetting the many issues which need to be addressed today. For example, it's obvious to me that Congress needs reinforcement now to take up and advance the pro-family agenda. Pressure from the liberal media on our friends in Congress is some of the most intense and biased I've ever seen. Our friends need the kind of support which FRC is uniquely equipped to provide.

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