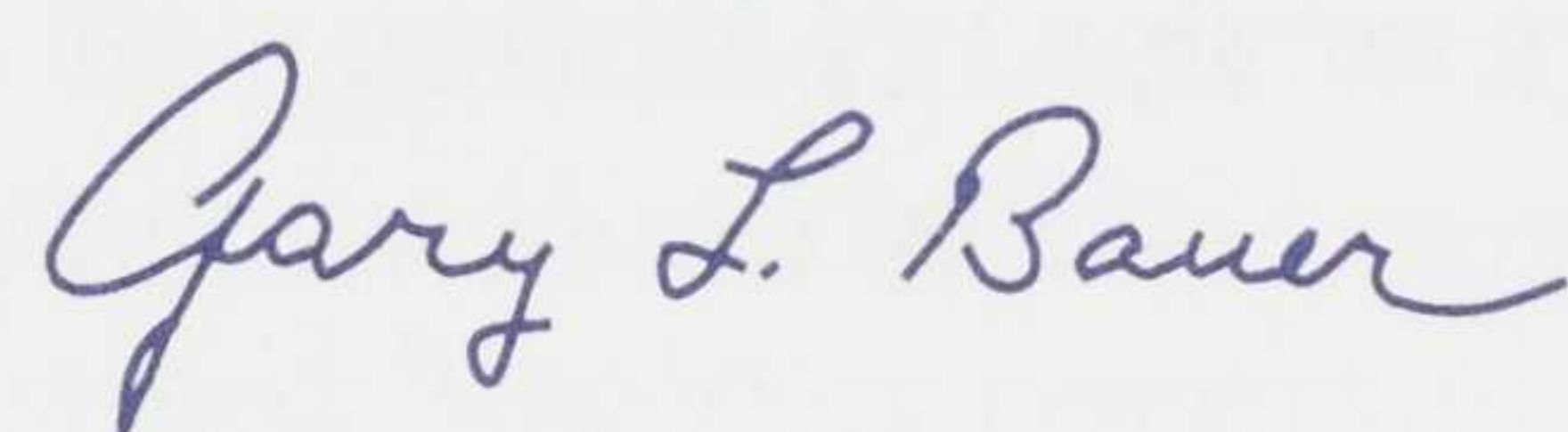

That's exactly what we plan to do. This fall I'm finishing my seventh year as president of the Family Research Council. In all of that time, I've been honored to work side by side with our friends at Focus on the Family. Like millions of other Americans, I have been inspired and renewed by the dedication that James Dobson and his ministry bring to the task of serving families everywhere. It isn't every day that Jim and I can join forces to take the pro-family message in person to Capitol Hill. But in person or not, we intend to stand together in this cause with every ounce of strength God grants us.

I began this letter by saying that you and I are in the thick of the story. We are—because we're pulling the long oars together for the values that made this nation great. For now, I have the oar marked "Washington," and you have the oar marked with the address that's on this letter, not to mention the oars marked with the addresses of your school and your church. Yours are the oars that really matter. If we continue to pull side by side, each serving in the calling that our Lord has given us, each living, teaching and praying for the future we will leave our children, we can turn around this great vessel called America.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for staying strong and steady through the rough waters our cause has seen. I know this time of year brings school bills and continuing obligations to your church. As I have always said, those needs come first. As we race to the finish line in Washington this year, however, we continue to count on your support. If you're able, a gift to bolster our public policy campaign on behalf of the traditional family would mean a great deal right now.

As always, God bless you for your faithfulness.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Bauer
President

P.S. One last thought. Having the media follow you around can be a pretty distracting thing. To see most of their reports, you would think that pro-family Americans are interested only in power and influence. Our friends on the Hill understand otherwise. We seek legal protection for the vulnerable and the innocent—our children—but our overall aim is to shrink government and restore authority to parents and communities. No matter what the media says, that message is getting through, and your partnership with us is one of the key reasons why. We're a force too large to ignore.