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Our team has been quietly lobbying conservative Congressmen on Capitol Hill -- Republicans and Democrats alike -- to begin drafting a bill and to hold hearings beginning next year in the new Congress.

And that's why I am writing you and why I have sent this letter to you by special Rush Priority Express.

FRC must raise a significant amount of money quickly to ratchet up our efforts not only to pass the ban on partial-birth abortion but to defend it from certain assaults in the courts and to expand our work on the second and third trimester ban.

Frankly, I do not know at this time how much money this effort will cost FRC.

But I do know that whatever we spend in support of the override vote and our greater goal of banning abortion in the second and third trimester will pale beside the resources our anti-life opponents throw into this battle.

So I am writing you today to ask your help.

Will you help me raise a great war chest of at least \$1,000,000 to fight not only this current battle to override President Clinton's veto but abortion in the second and third trimester as well?

Will you take a moment right now to make a special and urgently needed gift to FRC of \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50, or even \$25?

I know this is a lot to ask. Please don't take funds away from your personal needs, your church or the charities you regularly support even for this important effort. If you are devoting resources to a special ministry and cannot contribute at this time, I understand.

But if you can contribute, please do so now.

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