Bob has been working diligently on the drug issue as well, and one glance at the trends will tell you how urgent this is. In the past three years, drug abuse has spiraled, especially—and most disturbingly—among elementary school-age children using gateway drugs like marijuana. Bob recently attended a major international drug conference in Sweden, and in early August he met with Gen. Barry McCaffrey, President Clinton's drug czar, to lay out FRC's specific concerns.

- Then there's Marty Dannenfelser, FRC Director of Government Relations, and his excellent staff who have worked long and hard on the effort to override the Clinton veto of the partial-birth abortion ban. A vote in Congress, on this issue, is expected soon after Labor Day. Marty's experienced team also played a major role in the passage of a new bill which creates a national commission on gambling, working in conjunction with our friend, Congressman Frank Wolf (R-Va.).

- FRC has also been blessed to have the talents of Bob Morrison and Jennifer A. Marshall on education issues, Jennifer E. Marshall (that middle initial is not a misprint—the mail-sorting staff at FRC has its hands full!) on welfare reform and voluntarism, Ryan Dobson (Jim Dobson's son) on youth issues, and Steve Knudsen, our new director of state and local affairs, who helped put together our recent press conference with state family policy councils to endorse laws barring same-sex marriage.

These are just a few of the activities that have kept FRC moving at a sprinter's pace this summer. I wish I could tell you more about the work of each and every member of our dedicated staff in Washington, D.C. and in Holland, Michigan, where our constituent services and information systems teams are located. FRC's team is top-notch, and it includes you, our beloved supporters. Working together, we can make a significant difference in the future of our country... in the way our families, our children, and our grandchildren will spend their lives.

Thank you for all you do to help keep FRC moving forward. Your involvement in our work is essential to our success.

Sincerely,

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President

P.S. While we've been busy running the race, financial support for our work has fallen into the typical summer doldrums. Your help would give FRC a special boost right now, so please consider making a contribution if you possibly can. Again, thank you—and God bless you.

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