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March 15, 2000

Dear Friend,

I have two very important matters to discuss with you this month. The first relates to our decision about a new president for Family Research Council. The second is an intense public policy battle being fought to protect America's families from a new threat.

First, allow me to fill you in on the steps FRC's leadership is taking to remain one of the most effective organizations in the pro-family movement.

As you may recall, FRC's longtime president, Gary Bauer, left this organization in January of last year to consider a bid for the Republican presidential nomination. A run for political office required Gary, by law, to leave FRC because of our status as a non profit, charitable organization.

On the CNN television program "Inside Politics" on February 4, 2000, Gary discussed the end of his campaign for the White House and announced his desire to remain in the field of electoral politics and his expectation that he would not return to Family Research Council. The Board of Directors of FRC subsequently confirmed that desire and, during the week of February 7, began a process to identify and name a new President of FRC to replace Gary. That process is moving forward and should result in the naming of a new President of FRC in the near term.

Once a new president is selected, my intention is to remain here and to continue to focus my energy on writing about the vital issues FRC has always confronted.

As soon as a final decision has been made about the new president of Family Research Council, you will be among the first to know. This is a crucial time for FRC and a time that warrants your cherished prayers.

As far as the political scene goes, let me assure you that FRC is not involved in partisan politics and does not endorse candidates in any race for public office. Any such political involvement would be a violation of this organization's tax status under the law. That means that we cannot comment on anyone's decision to endorse a candidate for public office, including Gary Bauer's recent high-profile endorsement.

Gary's views are his own and cannot be interpreted as representing, in fact or by implication, the views of Family Research Council. Every speech he made, every position he took, and every decision he made once he left FRC last year was his own, and not a speech or position or decision attributable to FRC.

Lately, some of FRC's friends have expressed some confusion about this matter. Rest assured that FRC will maintain its role as a leader in the pro-family, conservative movement. We will continue to be unbending in principle, and we will continue to provide quality research material to America's leaders and families.

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