movement should be producing and promoting leaders of its own. I want you to know that achieving this goal is at the top of my personal priorities for the coming year.

- Each month 250,000 American homes receive our monthly publication, *Washington Watch*. With your help, **FRC will double the circulation of this publication within the next 12 months.** Early next year **FRC will unveil a new and expanded version of *Watch*.** We must make it our goal **to reach every American home in which there still burns a spark of love for this land Lincoln called "the last, best hope of Earth."**

- FRC will launch a youth leadership program here in Washington, D.C. If the family is to survive (my friends, it *will* survive), if religious values are not to be completely routed from the public square (my friends, they *will* not), **we must act now to foster a new generation of leaders with a profoundly Christian world view.** The darker this night of cultural amorality becomes, the more youthful flames we must light that will kindle hope for our country.

- Our very self-government is at stake when the acts of duly elected legislatures, or of the people themselves, to restrict abortion, protect parental rights, and safe-guard the institution of marriage are trampled by our runaway judges. Judicial tyranny must end. I pledge to you today **a sweeping campaign to check and balance our out-of-control courts.** We must become again a people who insist that **no one govern us without our consent.**

- The power to tax is the power to destroy. How many of our government's destructive schemes would be possible if it did not seize nearly 45 cents of every dollar that hardworking families earn? There will be no freedom without tax freedom. **Today I am launching, in partnership with key economic conservative organizations, a massive push for across-the-board tax relief.** We will begin with tax credits for families with children and end the double taxation that occurs when government taxes the estates our families have shored up over a lifetime of sweat and sacrifice. **Our families built this capital; the meddling Washington establishment must be stopped from hauling it away.**

- Early in the new year, FRC will convene a summit of leaders of major pro-family groups and religious leaders who share our profound concern for the cultural decay now gripping the Western world. We will pool ideas and, where possible, resources to provide an effective counter to the forces of cultural disintegration. Our response will be as global as the threat we face. In the coming months and years, it is imperative that pro-family groups work together. **I pledge my total effort to help achieve this goal.**

One final word. I do not view these steps as an ambitious plan. This is the **minimum** we must do to give this generation, and the next generation, of American families a fighting chance. I cannot promise you we will succeed at everything we do, but I can promise you that we will try as never before. FRC has been positioned -- I pray by God's grace -- in the nation's capital to be here for the family at such a time as this.

In the coming days, please consider this plan and let me know if I have your support. Your prayers and encouragement mean so much, and your financial support is FRC's very lifeblood. I know that you are counting on the Family Research Council. We will do everything we can to be worthy of the trust you place in us. God bless you.

Sincerely,

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