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Dear Friends,

On a cold February day back in 1993 a car pulled into the tunnel on the East Side of the State Capitol Building. The passenger was State Representative Hoye Horn. As the car pulled up to the doors, he rolled down the window. House staffers rushed to meet him there with a clipboard and papers to sign. He was there to cast his final vote—a pro-life vote.

Recently diagnosed with cancer, he just couldn't serve any longer. His wife, Barbara, was driving him home to Foreman, Arkansas. I watched as he signed his name and "paired his vote" to be counted FOR H.B 1534, a pro-life bill by Rep. Lacy Landers. We needed his vote, but there was nothing happy about the circumstances. I stood there in silence as they drove away. I turned to someone next to me and said, "If I were going to cast my final vote this is what I would want it to be." That was the last time I ever saw Rep. Hoye Horn. He passed away a few days later on March 17, 1993. He was 58 years old.

Thanks to Rep. Horn and other pro-life lawmakers H.B. 1534 passed the Arkansas House of Representatives. Unfortunately, it failed in the Senate. But we kept trying to pass informed-consent legislation for abortion, and in 2001 we finally succeeded. Fourteen years after that, we secured passage of an even better informed-consent law that has saved more than two thousand unborn children from abortion.

In 1993 when Rep. Horn signed the paperwork to pair his vote for H.B. 1534, abortion in Arkansas was near record highs. Many believed we were on the losing end of the fight. Pro-lifers had not won a single, meaningful victory in federal court despite years of hard work. Getting even one pro-life law through the Arkansas Legislature was nearly impossible. That did not stop pro-life lawmakers and citizens from standing up for what they knew was right.

Today, as I write you this letter, abortion in Arkansas sits near historic lows. Arkansas' informed-consent law is saving hundreds of unborn lives every single year. Teen abortion is at record lows. We genuinely are winning the fight against abortion in Arkansas. We would not be where we are without legislators like Rep. Hoye Horn and his wife Rep. Barbara Horn who followed him in office after his death. They voted pro-life—even when it was unpopular and seemed futile!

There's so much good news about the fight against abortion in Arkansas that I can't wait to tell you more about it. We have big plans for the coming months—like surveying candidates, establishing Pro-Life cities across Arkansas, and equipping citizens to stand up for family values.

And now let me tell you a little more about what's been happening in Arkansas these past few weeks—and about what we have planned for the rest of the year.

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Family Council
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MY THOUGHTS: PUBLIC POLICY AND PUBLIC OPINION ARE DRIVING THE DECLINE IN ABORTION

I didn't know it at the time, but when I launched Family Council in 1989, abortion in Arkansas was approaching its high-water mark. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, Arkansas' abortion numbers skyrocketed. A lot of people thought abortion on demand was here to stay. Very few states had passed anti-abortion legislation, and the federal courts were not sympathetic to our views.

My friend Leon Holmes said around that time that if people ever stopped talking about abortion, we had lost. As long as people at least talked about the issue, we could stop abortion. I believe he was right. Today public opinion polling has shown repeatedly that Arkansans believe abortion ought to be either completely illegal or legal only in certain circumstances. That is part

of the reason Arkansas has passed record numbers of pro-life laws in recent years—and those laws are driving Arkansas' abortion numbers down. Nationwide, Americans are divided on whether abortion is right or wrong, but most agree it ought to be restricted, if not prohibited altogether.

Abortion in Arkansas peaked in 1991. Today it sits near levels we haven't seen since the years shortly after *Roe v. Wade*. There are plenty of factors that affect Arkansas' abortion rates, but two significant ones are public policy and public opinion. Official reports from the state Department of Health indicate that Arkansas' pro-life laws are part of the reason many women choose not to have abortions today. Arkansans don't support abortion, and we've passed laws that restrict and prohibit abortion. That's driving Arkansas' abortion numbers down—and that's something to celebrate.

Abortion in Arkansas Sits Near Historic Lows

On June 2 the Arkansas Department of Health released its annual reports regarding abortion procedures. The reports show that abortion in Arkansas rose slightly in 2020 compared to 2019 and 2018, but it still sits near a 40-year low.

Here are a few key points our team gleaned from the reports:

- There were 3,154 abortions in Arkansas last year. That's less than half the number of abortions performed in Arkansas in 1991.
- Arkansas' Woman's Right to Know Act of 2015 saved an estimated 500 –600 unborn children last year.
- Arkansas' abortion rate has been cut almost in half since the year 2001.
- Teen abortion is at an all-time low. Teenagers were among those most likely to have abortions in the 1980s or 1990s, but not anymore.
- Single moms and Black women were most at risk for abortion in Arkansas last year.
- For the first time in Arkansas history, chemical abortion was more prevalent than surgical abortion last year. Chemical abortion uses the RU-486 drug regimen to poison and expel the unborn baby while surgical abortion uses vacuum machinery or surgical tools to dismember the unborn child.

- At least 40 women experienced complications from the RU-486 chemical abortion drug last year. That underscores why it is so important that the state legislature passed new laws restricting abortion drugs.
- The number of abortions performed on women from out-of-state has been on the rise since 2018. It isn't clear why women from other states are coming to Arkansas for abortions, but some speculate that last year's COVID-19 lockdowns in states like Texas and Tennessee may have been a factor.

Overall, Arkansas' abortion rate has been in decline for years. We still have a lot of work to do. Far too many children are aborted in Arkansas every year. However, Arkansas' pro-life laws are saving lives, and Arkansans are continuing to win the fight against abortion.





This One Pro-Life Law Has Saved 2,300+ Children Since 2015

In 2015 the Arkansas Legislature passed the Woman's Right to Know Act. The law outlines informed-consent requirements for abortion, and ensures that women asking about abortion get all the facts they need to make an informed decision. The law also says that abortionists have to give women at least 72 hours to consider their options before going through with the abortion. Over the past five years we have seen report after report that shows this law is saving lives. Today, we estimate that more than 2,300 children are alive in Arkansas because of this one law. These are children whose mothers did not go through with the abortion after receiving all the facts about abortion first—including its consequences, its risks, and its pro-life alternatives.

Because of this good law, nearly 600 children will celebrate their first birthday this year; another 1,700 or so will start school, make new friends, learn to walk or ride a bicycle, and do all the other things that toddlers, preschoolers, and Kindergarteners do—all because the State of Arkansas passed one law requiring abortionists to tell women that they have options besides abortion.

Out of all the laws that Family Council has supported in the past 32 years, the Woman's Right to Know Act of 2015 may be our favorite. It isn't the only pro-life law in Arkansas that is saving lives—there are plenty of others that are doing that too—but it is doing more than even we imagined that it would.



State Report Underscores Why Arkansas Passed Good Laws Restricting RU-486

On June 2 the Arkansas Department of Health released its 2020 abortion reports. Among other things, the Health Department's documents revealed at least 40 women experienced complications from the RU-486 abortion drug last year. The reports do not indicate what specific complications those women experienced. Chemical abortion drugs carry a number of risks and consequences—like hemorrhaging, sepsis, and death. That's part of the reason why the Arkansas Legislature passed new restrictions on abortion-inducing drugs last spring.

Act 560 of 2021 by Rep. Robin Lundstrum (R – Springdale) and Sen. Scott Flippo (R – Mountain Home) outlines the informed-consent process for chemical abortion. This will help ensure women get all the facts about chemical abortion—including its risks, consequences, and pro-life alternatives.

Act 562 of 2021 by Rep. Sonia Barker (R – Smackover) and Sen. Blake Johnson (R – Corning) updates Arkansas' restrictions on abortion-inducing drugs like RU-486. Among other things, it outlines requirements that abortionists must follow in administering abortion-inducing drugs, and it prohibits abortion drugs from being delivered by mail in Arkansas.

Together, these laws will protect women—and unborn children—from dangerous abortion drugs like RU-486. Both of these laws passed with strong support in the Arkansas Legislature. The latest reports from the state Health Department just go to show that our legislators were right to pass such good, pro-life measures.

Single Moms Most at Risk for Abortion in Arkansas

Arkansas' 2020 abortion reports show the typical woman walking into an abortion facility is unmarried and probably already has at least one child at home. Since 2015, approximately 52%–66% of the women who had abortions in Arkansas were single moms. That is simply tragic.

Many policymakers still have it in their heads that high school girls are the main ones having abortions, but that is no longer the case. If we want to eliminate the demand for abortion, we need to find ways to support single mothers, and we need to enact policies that encourage people to form stable marriages and strong families. If we do that, we can address some of the factors that seem to encourage women to seek abortion in the first place.

Top: Planned Parenthood's chemical abortion facility in west Little Rock.

Left: Sen. Jim Hendren and Jerry Cox discuss the Woman's Right to Know Act on March 30, 2015.

ACLU, Abortionists Sue to Block State Law Prohibiting Abortion in Arkansas

In May the ACLU and abortionists in Arkansas teamed up to file a lawsuit against Act 309 of 2021. Act 309 is a good law that prohibits abortion in Arkansas except in cases when the mother's life is at risk. The lawsuit currently is in U.S. District Judge Kristine Baker's court. A lot is going on with this case, but here is the bottom line: We assumed the ACLU would file a lawsuit to have it struck down, and we believe this lawsuit will give our federal courts an opportunity to overturn bad rulings like *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. That could set the stage for some major, pro-life victories down the road.



Rep. Bentley presents Act 309 in the House of Representatives on March 3, 2021.

ACLU Sues to Block New Law Protecting Children from Sex-Reassignment Procedures

In May the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging Arkansas' Save Adolescents From Experimentation (SAFE) Act. The SAFE Act protects children from sex-reassignment procedures, puberty blockers, and cross-sex hormones. The Arkansas Legislature overwhelmingly passed this good law last spring.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has never approved puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones for the purpose of gender transition. Adults who give these hormones to kids are administering them off-label. Medical experts don't know the long term effects that puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones have on children. And sex-change procedures can leave children sterilized and scarred for life. Doctors who do these things essentially are experimenting on children, and that isn't right.

It is disappointing that the ACLU would sue the state of Arkansas over a law that protects children from experimentation. Fortunately, Arkansas' Attorney General's office is fighting back, and we believe that federal courts will uphold this good law.

Arkansas Attorney General Appeals 2019 Pro-Life Case to U.S. Supreme Court

Arkansas is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to let the state enforce an important pro-life law from 2019.

Act 619 of 2019 prohibits abortions performed solely because the child may have Down syndrome. At the time, Family Council estimated that Act 619 could save upwards of 100 unborn children in Arkansas every single year.

In response, the ACLU and the state's only surgical abortion facility sued the State of Arkansas to have the law struck down. Federal courts subsequently blocked Arkansas from enforcing the law. Even though a three-judge panel from the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the law should remain blocked, two of the judges asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review its precedent on pro-life laws like Act 619. In April, Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge filed a petition asking the U.S. Supreme Court to take up the case.

Since then, 22 other state attorneys general have filed a brief supporting Arkansas' ban on Down syndrome abortions. Arkansas' congressional delegation and the American Center for Law and Justice also have filed briefs in support of the law. The case has the potential to upend pro-abortion rulings like *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* and make it easier for states to pass laws that protect unborn children from abortion. The case has flown under the radar with much of the media, but pro-lifers and legal experts are watching it very closely. It could be a major turning point in the legal battle over abortion in America.



From Left: Rep. Lundstrum, Sen. Clark, and Family Council's Charisse Dean worked diligently to secure passage of the SAFE Act.

Some State Officials Really Want to Tax Nonprofit Organizations Like Your Church

In May the Arkansas Assessment Coordination Division proposed a rule-change that could make it easier for county assessors to collect taxes on property that churches, charities, and other nonprofits own.

For three and a half years the State has toyed with different proposals to increase the tax burden on nonprofits. In December of 2017 consultants for the State of Arkansas published a report singling-out sales tax exemptions for nonprofit hospitals, nursing homes, and churches. The report claimed these tax exemptions cost the State millions of dollars and ought to be reworked. The following March members of the legislature's Tax Reform and Relief Legislation Task Force rolled out a proposal to "repeal the income tax exemption on church passive income" under Arkansas law. The change would have taxed interest that churches earned on savings and investments; the sale of dedicated church property; and the rental of dedicated church prop-

erty. Family Council strongly criticized the proposal, and it was quickly withdrawn.

Now the Assessment Coordination Division wants to make it easier to tax nonprofits and charities. The proposed rule has been reworked a few times since the division first rolled it out, but at the end of the day it would subject nonprofit organizations to more scrutiny, and it would give assessors more leeway to make nonprofits pay property taxes that they currently do not have to pay. Charities and churches contribute millions of dollars to the economy each year by serving their communities. That's part of the reason they receive certain tax exemptions. We shouldn't make them pay more in taxes.

Call to Action: Please contact your state legislators, and urge them to oppose any effort to increase the tax burden on nonprofit organizations in Arkansas.

New Law Adds Protections for Unborn Children to Capital Murder Statute

By Chip Gross, Family Council

Act 931 of 2021 protects pregnant women and their developing babies by adding another area of criminal law where Arkansas recognizes unborn children as legal persons.

The Arkansas Criminal Code for some time has treated the unborn as "persons" in the contexts of murder, manslaughter, and negligent homicide. The General Assembly originally did this so that it would be homicide to unlawfully kill an unborn child. But the unborn were legal persons only in those exact statutes and only for that specific reason. Act 931 gives the unborn legal personhood when juries decide how to punish capital murder, the worst homicide crime.

In one basic form, Arkansas law considers a homicide capital murder when done with a "premeditated and deliberated purpose." This means the killer planned the act and did it because he or she wanted to. Arkansas juries can—but do not have to—punish capital murder with the death penalty. The law letting juries do this lists specific facts jurors can think about in each case. These facts generally have to do with aspects of the crime that are especially cruel or serious. The death penalty can be used only if at least one such fact exists, the fact outweighs certain other facts of the case, and every juror agrees to the penalty.

Once Act 931 takes effect, Arkansas juries will be able to consider the injury or death of a pregnant victim's unborn child when deciding whether to enforce the death penalty. Before Act 931, none of the facts juries considered in their death penalty decisions could apply to the unborn. But Act 931 expands unborn personhood in the Criminal Code. It says that the word "person" in the death penalty law now

includes the unborn. This change brings unborn personhood into decisions not just about whether a capital murder happened, but about which punishment fits that crime.

Act 931 sends the message that the capital murder of a pregnant victim is uniquely awful: it automatically puts multiple persons at risk. The new law does not require juries to choose the death penalty, but it does give juries the freedom to consider the total human loss involved. And the law does not make the death penalty available for any crimes other than capital murder, but it does give juries the opportunity to decide to use the penalty when one of the victims is an unborn child.

While the death penalty itself can be controversial, advancing that penalty does not appear to be Act 931's purpose. In a sense, Act 931's effect makes the death penalty both more and less likely because its expansion of unborn personhood will help stop future violence against pregnant mothers and their unborn children. The threat of grave punishment alone can prevent people from doing wrong. In this way, the new law protects the most vulnerable in our communities. And what is more, Act 931 proves how highly the people of Arkansas value life—born and unborn—and reflects the recognition of unborn personhood gradually taking hold in law across the United States.



Chip Gross, Family Council Legal Intern

Walmart's Philanthropic Foundation Goes For Woke

The Walmart Foundation is well known for providing millions of dollars in grant money to charities in Arkansas and across the nation, but earlier this spring Family Council received a copy of the Walmart Foundation's 2021 grant application form for its Northwest Arkansas Giving Program. The form is intended for organizations that want to apply for grants larger than \$10,000 for use in Benton or Washington counties.

This year the form asks potential applicants if any of the organization's leaders, board members, senior staff members, and staff members identify as gay or transgender. In other words, if a charity wants this grant money from the Walmart Foundation, it will have to complete a form that asks about the sexual orientation and gender identity of its employees.

The grant application says this information isn't mandatory. In theory, a charity applying for grant money can leave sections of the form dealing with sexual orientation and gender identity blank. But why would the Walmart Foundation ask for this information if it didn't matter? Why does the Walmart Foundation want to know if a charity's board members are gay or transgender?

In June the Walton family announced \$1 million in grant money would be made available to pro-LGBT groups in

Arkansas through the Walton Family Foundation. The Walton Family Foundation is separate from the Walmart Foundation, but very closely related, because the Waltons still are such large shareholders in Walmart. We expect that grant money to flow to organizations like Planned Parenthood or the Human Rights Campaign.

Walmart's corporate leadership and its charitable foundation both have taken a hard turn toward the left. Last spring Walmart's President and CEO wrote a letter to Gov. Hutchinson opposing legislation that would protect healthcare workers' rights of conscience in Arkansas. Walmart pressured lawmakers to pass a bad "hate crimes" law this year. As soon lawmakers passed one, Walmart's President and CEO issued a statement saying that the law was a good first step, but it needed to be made stronger.

Walmart is the biggest retailer in human history. If Walmart were a country, its government budget would be roughly the fourteenth largest on earth—ahead of countries like South Korea and Mexico. The company has tremendous power, to say the least. The question is will our leaders have enough backbone to stand up against Walmart and its well-funded, woke agenda?



Children's Program "Blue's Clues" Posts Cartoon of Drag Queen, Gay Pride Parade

"Blue's Clues" has been a staple of preschool children's programming for more than two decades, but recently the TV show made headlines for posting a pro-LGBT cartoon online. The singalong cartoon features an animated version of drag performer Nina West singing about same-sex, transgender, and nonbinary couples—all while an animated pride parade moves by on the screen. The video has been condemned by some child advocates as predatory and disturbing. This clearly is a cartoon geared for children, intended to expose them to radical ideas about sexuality, gender identity, and family structure. A few days later Nickelodeon uploaded a second video in which West sang about LGBT pride and the rainbow flag. Again, the video clearly was aimed at children.

At what point did it become acceptable for drag performers to discuss and sing about homosexuality and gender identity in children's programming? Is this what Americans had in mind when the U.S. Supreme Court instituted same-sex marriage nationwide in 2015?

So what can we do about it? First, recognize that pro-LGBT groups are actively using children's programming to teach their ideas to the next generation. Second, be very deliberate about the television programming that our children and grandchildren access. And third, continue to speak out when adults try to target children like this.



In May popular children's cartoon "Blue's Clues" released a singalong cartoon of drag performer Nina West and an LGBT pride parade. Photo Credit: YouTube screenshot.

State Budget Still Millions of Dollars in the Hole on “Medical” Marijuana

Earlier this year the state legislature passed two measures appropriating a total of \$7.5 million to pay for expenses from medical marijuana in Arkansas. From May of 2019 to the beginning of this year, the State of Arkansas garnered nearly \$32 million in marijuana tax revenue. Of that money, only about \$19.7 million has gone to pay for the medical marijuana program’s expenses. That’s a lot of money, but marijuana has cost the State \$30–40 million. Arkansas simply cannot climb out of the financial hole that “medical” marijuana has dug. Marijuana has cost the state millions of dollars, and the tax revenue cannot make up the difference. Regular taxpayers have been forced to bear the cost. It doesn’t look like that’s going to change any time soon.

Here are a Few of Our Goals for the Rest of 2021

We have big plans for the rest of 2021. Several excellent laws that we helped pass will take effect this summer. We also are looking ahead to the 2022 elections. Here’s a quick rundown of some of our goals for the future:

- **Family Council Action Committee 2021 Legislative Report Card:** Family Council Action Committee will release its 2021 Legislative Report Card this summer. We will promote this important resource.
- **Serve Home Schoolers:** We plan to work with the Arkansas Department of Education to improve college and career testing access for assessments like the PSAT, SAT, ACT, and AP tests.
- **2022 Arkansas Voter’s Guide:** Since 1990 we have produced the state’s largest and best non-partisan voter’s guide that shows where candidates stand on important issues. We plan to begin work on candidate surveys for the 2022 guide in a few weeks.
- **Make Sure Our Good Laws are Properly Implemented:** We want to make sure the State of Arkansas properly implements our laws that uphold fairness in women’s sports, protect children from dangerous sex-reassignment procedures, ensure patients are not left alone and denied visitors, acknowledge that religion is essential, prohibit public schools from working with abortionists, and more!
- **Establish Pro-Life Cities:** We want to establish hundreds of Pro-Life cities all over Arkansas to help continue building a culture of life in our state.
- **Host Monthly Prayer Meetings:** We plan to continue hosting monthly prayer meetings with special guests and our friends across Arkansas. Email erin@family-council.org to learn how you can join these meetings.

Help Us Establish Pro-Life Cities All Over Arkansas!

Last spring the state legislature passed Act 392 by Rep. Kendon Underwood (R – Cave Springs) and Sen. Gary Stubblefield (R – Branch) affirming the right of municipalities in Arkansas to declare themselves pro-life. With the help of an attorney, our office drafted a boilerplate resolution that you can take to your local city council. Local officials can use this boilerplate language to pass a resolution declaring your city Pro-Life. Call our office at 501-375-7000, and we will send you a copy of the resolution absolutely free. Passing pro-life resolutions at the local level is one way we can continue building a culture of life in Arkansas.

- **Assist Pregnancy Resource Centers:** The ARFuture Foundation that we helped start is actively working to assist pregnancy resource centers this year. These centers give women real options besides abortion and are an incredible, pro-life resource. We want to support this crucial work.
- **Grow Our Rapid Response Team:** Without a doubt, our Rapid Response Team made a huge difference during the most recent legislative session. We want to double the size of our Rapid Response Team to be even more effective in the future.
- **Prevent The State From Taxing Nonprofits:** We want to stop every proposal that makes it easier to tax churches, charities, and other nonprofits or that forces them to reapply for tax exemptions.
- **Promote the Religious Freedom Amendment:** Last spring the legislature referred out a really good constitutional amendment protecting religious liberty in Arkansas. That amendment will appear on the ballot in November of 2022. We plan to promote that amendment.
- **Begin Drafting Legislation for 2023:** Our team is already working on a list ideas for the Arkansas Legislature’s next session in 2023. We hope to begin drafting legislation in the next few months.
- **Equip Citizens:** Arkansans need to be equipped to take a stand for traditional family values. We send thousands of emails and update letters all over the state every single month, because families need to know what is happening—and what they can do about it. We are able to give these resources to people free of charge, because generous friends like you believe in what we do and support us financially.

Did You Know You Can Leave a Legacy of Pro-Family Values?

Did you know you can leave a legacy of pro-family values through planned giving to Family Council? It's a way that friends like you can make arrangements to support our mission through estate planning or other activities. It is

not difficult, but it can impact lives in Arkansas for years to come. Call our office at 501-375-7000, and Luke McCoy on our team will visit with you about planned giving. We can also send you a free brochure with more information.

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Did you know that you and your family are the reason we're able to do what we do? God truly has blessed us with amazing friends! We have a lot we want to accomplish in the coming months, but we cannot do it without you. Here are a few ways you can become a partner in our work:

- 1. Become a Prayer Partner.** We have a group of faithful friends who pray for us. You can join this team of prayer warriors by emailing erin@familycouncil.org.
- 2. Join Our Rapid Response Team.** When important issues come up in Little Rock, our Rapid Response Team steps into action! Lately we've sent Rapid Response alerts about federal proposals too. You can join this critical group of volunteers by emailing erin@familycouncil.org.
- 3. Help Us Grow.** Do you have friends or family members who ought to be on our mailing list? We would love to connect with them. Ask them to email info@familycouncil.org so we can add them to our network.
- 4. Give Financially.** We rely on the generous, financial support of friends like you. We don't get our funding from the government or from wealthy billionaires like some groups out there. Our support comes from individuals, families, and churches all over Arkansas. If you are able, I hope you will send a generous, tax-deductible donation to Family Council today, because we cannot do this work without faithful financial supporters. You can also consider arranging a planned gift through estate planning or other methods. Call our office at (501) 375-7000 to learn more.

Thank you for standing with us. I really appreciate your faithfulness and your friendship. Please let me know if there is ever anything my staff or I can do for you.

Sincerely,



Thank you!!

Jerry Cox, President

P.S. I hope you will be encouraged to know that Arkansas' abortion numbers remain near historic lows and our pro-life laws are saving lives. We have big plans for the rest of the year. Our team is working hard to reach some significant goals this summer and fall. There are several ways you can help us in the work we're doing, but I hope you will send a generous, tax-deductible donation today, if you are able. Thank you!



About Us: Family Council is a conservative, Christian non-profit organization based in Little Rock, Arkansas. Jerry Cox founded Family Council in 1989 in association with Dr. James Dobson and Focus on the Family. Our mission is to promote, protect, and strengthen traditional family values. We educate and equip families and churches to make Arkansas a better place to live, work, and raise a family, and we lobby lawmakers and elected officials on important issues that matter to families. Our work is funded by generous supporters all over Arkansas.
