

update letter
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Dear Friends,

On October 2, one of my staff members paused during our morning staff meeting. “Jerry,” he said, “I was looking at the obituaries in the paper this morning. Judy Ligon passed away over the weekend.”

My thoughts raced back to over 30 years ago when Family Council was struggling just to get started and make ends meet. Judy and her husband, Ed, were two of the most faithful supporters Family Council ever had. They both were strong Christians, and they helped support many different ministries over the years—including Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock. In February of 1999 the Lignons sent a very generous donation to our work at Family Council. In December I wrote a letter to Ed asking if they might be willing to give at the same generous level in 2000. Ed wrote a letter back to me, saying,

“Jerry, Judy and I have considered your request, and we don’t feel comfortable with that amount—**we don’t believe it is enough...** We are very impressed with what you are accomplishing and especially the very pragmatic and practical way you work with the legislature and others... Our best wishes to you and your family!”

Did you catch what Ed said? He said, **“Jerry, you are not asking me for enough money. We want to give you more than you have asked for!** The Bible says that God is able to do more than we ask for. Ed and Judy demonstrated just that. That letter meant so much! Ed and Judy worked hard to be good stewards of the resources God had given them, and it spoke volumes to me that they believed in our work enough to trust Family Council with some of those resources. Ed and Judy had an intuitive sense of how to invest in ministries that make a difference. They not only invested their resources in our work, but they endorsed our work publicly to their friends and encouraged them to help us too. Judy served on Family Council’s board of directors during those early start-up years. After Ed passed away in 2014, Judy moved to Texas, but she stayed connected with our mission of promoting traditional family values in Arkansas.

I don’t talk about it very often, but on any given day Family Council has upwards of 1,500–1,600 donors actively supporting our work. It’s an incredible team of families and churches all over the state who partner with us. I tell people that our supporters are the very best—and I genuinely mean it.

Ed and Judy Ligon were very generous. They were good friends whose legacy will continue. The same is true of Mr. Sherman Cline—the World War II veteran who, despite his humble resources, gave Family Council \$25 every month from 1989 until his passing in 2002. And the same is true of my Aunt Ruby who always had kind words to say about our work. And Rev. Mel Amrine and his wife, Doris, who prayed faithfully for us until he went home to be with the Lord in 2020. Family Council would have failed a long time ago had it not been for them and many others like them. The author of Hebrews tells about the “great cloud of witnesses” who have gone ahead of us. When I look at the wonderful people who have helped make Family Council what it is today, I cannot help feeling like they are part of that cloud of witnesses. They truly are an inspiration.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want you to know how truly grateful I am for friends like you. Thank you for standing with us. It means more than I can say. And now let me tell you a little more about how we are working to continue promoting traditional family values in Arkansas—and how you can too.

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Executive Director Jerry Cox

As Of October 15, Marijuana Amendment’s Future Rests With Arkansas Supreme Court

By Jerry Cox, Executive Director

As of October 15, the future of marijuana amendment Issue 3 rests with the Arkansas Supreme Court—and possibly the voters of Arkansas. At the end of September, Secretary of State John Thurston’s office announced that the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2024 failed to qualify for the November ballot. That prompted a lawsuit from Arkansans for Patient Access—the group backing the amendment—on October 1. The lawsuit asked the Arkansas Supreme Court to throw out the Secretary of State’s determination and certify the marijuana amendment for the ballot. Shortly after that, the group Protect Arkansas Children—which opposes marijuana in Arkansas—filed a motion to intervene in the lawsuit. Intervening in the lawsuit could give the group an opportunity to work against the marijuana measure in court.

Two state supreme court justices recused themselves from the case. That required Gov. Sanders to appoint temporary judges to fill their spots on the court. The lawyers submitted their legal arguments on October 4 and October 7. As of October 15, we’re still waiting for a final decision. If the court takes Issue 3 off the ballot, that will be the end of it. If the court leaves Issue 3 on the ballot, it will be up to voters to decide if they want to expand marijuana in Arkansas.

By the time this letter reaches you, the Arkansas Supreme Court will have made a decision regarding Issue 3. Here are 10 important points I want you to know about marijuana amendment Issue 3:

1. Issue 3 makes more than 30 changes to the Arkansas Constitution.
2. Marijuana industry insiders wrote Issue 3, and they are the ones funding the campaign behind it.
3. Issue 3 would guarantee marijuana growers and sellers a monopoly over the state’s marijuana industry.
4. Issue 3 would give free marijuana cards to immigrants and out-of-state residents at taxpayer expense.
5. Under Issue 3, marijuana users would no longer need to show they suffer from a specific medical condition listed in state law.
6. Issue 3 would make it possible for people to be approved to use marijuana without seeing a doctor.
7. Issue 3 fails to limit the levels of THC in marijuana products.
8. Issue 3 repeals marketing restrictions that protect children from marijuana advertising and from marijuana products that appeal to kids.
9. Issue 3 eliminates requirements that marijuana be sold in childproof packaging.
10. Issue 3 repeals parts of the Arkansas Constitution that let the Arkansas Legislature restrict marijuana and the marijuana industry.

To learn more about Issue 3, visit FamilyCouncilActionCommittee.com.



Issue 3 Helps Marijuana Businesses—Not Arkansans

By Stephanie Nichols, Chief Legal Counsel and Director of Family Council’s Arkansas Justice Institute

Does this picture look like *medical* marijuana to you?

I was recently in one of Arkansas’ great small towns, eating lunch on a beautiful day with my children at a downtown restaurant. I was struck by how much Main Street Arkansas has changed, though. The street that once had a donut shop and shoe store now has a very different feel. The landscape now includes bold storefront marketing for marijuana and paraphernalia—and there appears to be nothing medical about it. It’s all tie dye, head shop “fun.” Dispensaries can market in this manner because, throughout the

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state, there are no restrictions on the strain or type of marijuana. Different strains of marijuana with different THC levels exist, but strains that produce psychoactive effects—the feeling of “getting high”—are readily cultivated and sold in Arkansas. Therefore, there is no line between medical and recreational marijuana. The line is blurred—literally.

I don't want to cast shame towards anyone with a medical marijuana card or anyone with a legitimate medical condition. However, we do need to carefully consider marijuana policy in Arkansas, including evaluating where we are currently and where we will head if we pass the marijuana expansion amendment as Issue 3 on the November ballot.

When voters in Arkansas approved medical marijuana in 2016, they were told that their fellow Arkansans needed it for severe conditions like cancer and seizures. We can all sympathize with that. But the latest Arkansas Department of Health report indicates that just 2.9% of medical marijuana cardholders have cancer as their qualifying medical condition, and only 1.6% have seizures as their qualifying medical condition. The biggest qualifying medical condition is post-traumatic stress disorder, coming in at 34.2% of cardholders. The second highest qualifying medical condition is intractable pain (29.4%). More than 100,000 Arkansans now have medical marijuana cards, and doctors in Arkansas are marketing “easy” 15-minute telehealth appointments to provide marijuana cards. If you visit with anyone who has received a medical marijuana card, you will find out that the process is currently very easy.

And yet, Arkansans are being asked to expand marijuana use in Arkansas again. The latest ballot proposal, Issue 3, deletes the requirement that conditions belong to a specified list of conditions and be medical in nature. In other words, under Issue 3, the list of qualifying conditions becomes endless. And the types of health practitioners who can provide certifications are vastly expanded, while the provisions requiring a physician patient relationship and an examination of a patient's current medical condition and medical history are removed. The provision noting that physicians can be sanctioned for not properly evaluating a patient's medical condition or for violating the applicable physician-patient standard of care is also removed. Essentially, medical marijuana becomes less medical and provides less patient protection.

But that's because it's not really about the patient anyway. **Medical marijuana sales have now surpassed \$1 billion in Arkansas**, and the amount of marijuana sold increases substantially every year. Making it easier expands the number of Arkansans addicted to marijuana, thus expanding the market of users. Legal drug-dealing is a lucrative business, which provides the motivation for removing many of Arkansas' current safeguards and barriers.

But the most troubling safeguards to be removed by Issue 3 are those that would impact children. **Issue 3 blatantly removes all federal child-proof packaging testing requirements from state law. It deletes the requirement that product design be restricted regarding shapes and flavors that are appealing to children. It also dramatically expands marijuana advertising and marketing.** Right now, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board limits advertising for marijuana to audiences of which the majority are adults. Signs are limited to being on storefronts and facilities instead of allowing large signs and billboards sprinkled throughout our communities to draw people in. **Issue 3 would remove these safeguards, and generations of Arkansans would grow up with marijuana use normalized and part of the fabric of our state culture—like in Colorado and California.**

Issue 3 also provides a pathway for legalization of marijuana if the federal government legalizes it—but there's a big catch: While medical marijuana patients can grow their own marijuana under Issue 3, all other users would have to obtain it from the Arkansas marijuana monopoly. This is one of the biggest motivators of the 2024 amendment and why **the Arkansas marijuana industry has spent over \$1.8 million to get Issue 3 on the ballot.**

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Do we need an Arkansas with more of the harm that comes through drug addiction? The biggest tragedy of the normalization of marijuana might be generations of Arkansans who never grow up to reach their full potential—generations full of people who turn to marijuana for coping rather than turning to God and doing the hard work of processing grief, loss, and stress in a fallen world. Right now, anyone who wants to try medical marijuana for a specified medical condition can access it. Issue 3 is simply about deregulating marijuana and expanding financial opportunities for the marijuana industry.

Note: At the time of writing, the Arkansas Supreme Court is currently considering whether Issue 3—the marijuana expansion amendment—qualifies for the ballot. However, whether Issue 3 remains on the ballot or not, Arkansas citizens need to be informed regarding a marijuana industry that is relentlessly on the march to expand marijuana use in Arkansas.

Researchers Link Marijuana Use to Cancers, Serious Health Problems

New research continues to tie marijuana to serious health problems. A study published in *JAMA Otolaryngology* this summer found daily marijuana use is linked to a higher risk of head and neck cancers. Researchers analyzed more than 116,000 individuals with cannabis-related disorders and found that they had significantly higher cancer rates—particularly in the mouth, throat, and larynx—compared to people who do not use marijuana.

This is not the first researchers have linked marijuana to serious health problems. For example, a large study the NIH published in February found marijuana use is associated with increased risk of cardiovascular problems. Among other things, researchers found daily marijuana use was linked to 25% higher risk of heart attack and 42% higher risk of stroke. All of this is simply made worse by the fact that, according to the Associated Press, 40% of marijuana users say they use marijuana daily or nearly daily. To put it plainly, these users are likely to face some serious health problems. **All of this underscores what we have said for years: Marijuana may be many things, but “harmless” simply is not one of them.**

Planned Parenthood Endorses Two Candidates for Arkansas Legislature

Planned Parenthood has endorsed two candidates for Arkansas House this year. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider and a major proponent of transgender ideology. The organization has a history of endorsing and donating to candidates who share its values.

According to its website, Planned Parenthood has chosen to endorse Teresa Dannaway (D) for Arkansas House District 83 and Cortney McKee (D) for Arkansas House District 85.

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Planned Parenthood has a long history of being involved in state and federal races in Arkansas. For example, in 2020 Planned Parenthood Federation announced it would spend at least \$45 million in an effort to unseat pro-life lawmakers and elect pro-abortion candidates. As part of that plan, the group used its political action committee in Arkansas to support several candidates for state and federal office. However, the abortion giant has been relatively quiet in Arkansas ever since.



Assistant Director David Cox

Policy Points: Sports Betting is Already Ruining Lives. iGaming Would Make a Bad Problem Worse in Arkansas.

By David Cox, Assistant Director

In September, *The Atlantic* ran a story saying, “The evidence is convincing: The betting industry is ruining lives.” The article went on to cite how sports betting has grown into a nationwide epidemic that is hurting people. A new “iGaming” proposal by Saracen Casino would simply make this bad problem worse for Arkansas.

One of the reasons sports betting has exploded since 2018 is that it can be played online via smart phones, and it especially appeals to young men. Ads for sports betting often try to not-too-subtly convince men who watch football in their spare time that they can outsmart the sportsbook companies who study football full-time. If you don't believe me, watch for FanDuel's “hunches” ad this Sunday in between football games. It literally features a young man impulsively gambling on a “hunch.” To call the ad “irresponsible” would be an understatement.

The problem with sports betting is that it can be done practically anywhere at practically any time via a smartphone. This year the Arkansas Problem Gambling Council announced it has seen a 22% increase in calls for help with problem gambling—a spike largely driven by sports betting. This gambling problem is reaching epidemic proportions.

Saracen Casino's iGaming proposal would make the problem gambling epidemic worse by letting people gamble on slots and table games any time, anywhere in Arkansas via a smartphone. The proposal could turn smartphones into pocket-size casinos. Compulsive gamblers could gamble—and lose—24 hours a day from anywhere in the state. That kind of gambling ruins lives, tears families apart, and hurts everyone.

Take Action: If you oppose smartphone-gambling, please contact your legislators and ask them not to support Saracen Casino's “iGaming” proposal.

Arkansas A.G. Sues Google, YouTube for Targeting Kids Online

On September 30, Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin announced his office is suing YouTube and its parent companies Google and Alphabet for deceptively targeting children in Arkansas. In a statement, the attorney general said,

“YouTube has deceived users and parents about the safety of its platforms for youth. YouTube has profited substantially off young Arkansans because it deliberately designed its platform to be addictive by using features to keep users engaged for as long as possible.

“Google has deliberately designed and marketed YouTube to exploit and addict young users, contributing to a mental health crisis in Arkansas. The majority of children aged 13 to 17 report using YouTube every day.

“One of the gravest public health threats to children in the United States today is the soaring rate of mental and behavioral health disorders, including depression, self-harm, body dysmorphia, and increased suicidal thoughts and attempts at suicide. This increase in mental health problems among children is the result of calculated efforts by social-media companies like YouTube to attract and addict youth to their platforms and to grow revenues without regard for the harmful effects that these companies know exist.”

It's good to see Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin continuing to hold tech companies accountable.

Attorney General Griffin's office has filed multiple lawsuits against tech companies for violating the Arkansas Deceptive Trade Practices Act—most notably Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok. The A.G.'s lawsuits against TikTok allege the social media giant aggressively collects sensitive user data and that TikTok failed to fully disclose that the company is subject to Chinese laws that mandate cooperation with intelligence activities of the People's Republic of China.

The A.G.'s lawsuit against Meta—which owns Facebook and Instagram—argues the company structured its social media platforms “to exploit multiple neuropsychological traits in youth.” It notes that Facebook and Instagram are built around algorithms intentionally designed “to exploit human psychology and foster addiction to maximize users' screen time.”

As we have written many, many times, social media platforms are not just websites or phone apps. This is a multibillion dollar industry, and the adults who control these companies have a responsibility to ensure their platforms do not harm or exploit children. It's good to see Arkansas Attorney General Tim Griffin continuing to hold tech companies accountable.



Federal Judge Rules Crawford County Library Cannot Separate LGBT Books from Children's Section

On September 30, a federal judge in Fort Smith ruled the Crawford County Library cannot place pro-LGBT books in a “social section” separate from the library's children's section. The case underscores the growing division in Arkansas over public libraries being used to promote pro-LGBT material to kids.

In 2022 the Crawford County Library System removed LGBT-themed children's books from the children's section of the library at the request of the quorum court and placed the books in a separate area of the library. To be clear, libraries are not required by law to carry every single book. They are free to pick and choose what they do or do not put in their catalog, and the Crawford County Library did not remove the LGBT books from circulation. Instead, it gave the books their own shelf space away from other children's books. That should be a reasonable compromise, but three individuals sued Crawford County in federal court. U.S. District Judge P.K. Holmes, III, ruled against Crawford County—meaning the books must be put back in the children's section.

Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident. The Jonesboro public library has been at the center of multiple controversies over its decision to place books with sexually-explicit images in its children's section and for failing to adopt a policy that separates sexual material from children's books. **Some of the images in these books were so explicit that news stations in Little Rock could not show them on television.** But the library in Jonesboro doubled-down and even went so far as to post on Facebook that it isn't the library's responsibility to protect kids from obscenity. That kind of behavior was part of the reason Craighead County voters cut the library's funding in 2022.

Families should be able to take their children to the library without worrying what their kids might see, and local taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize books that are explicit, obscene, or objectionable. Each county ought to be able to decide what books it does or does not carry at its local library. We trust our federal courts ultimately will agree and let local communities like Crawford County protect children from inappropriate material in their public libraries.

Arkansas Authorities Drop Charges Against at Least Four Pro-Lifers Accused of Trespassing at Little Rock Abortion Facility in 2021

On September 25, authorities in Little Rock officially dropped trespassing charges against four pro-lifers accused of blocking the entrance to an abortion facility. On January 15, 2021, Little Rock police arrested Eva Edl of South Carolina, Chet Gallagher of Tennessee, Dennis Green of Virginia, Calvin Zastrow of Michigan, Emily Nurnberg of Kansas, and Heather Iddoni of Michigan on charges of misdemeanor criminal trespassing for allegedly blocking the entrance to Little Rock Family Planning Services—a now-shuttered surgical abortion facility in Little Rock. Video posted on social media shows the six pro-lifers praying in front of the abortion facility's door.

Court records show the pro-lifers were convicted in February of 2022, and each was ordered to pay a \$350 fine. However, their attorney appealed the convictions. The case languished in court until this summer, when authorities decided to stop prosecuting Edl, Gallagher, Iddoni, and Zastrow. That decision became official on September 25.

The reason for dropping the case appears to be that the Biden Administration has pursued federal charges against these four pro-lifers for blocking abortion facility entrances in other states. On August 20 of this year a federal jury in Michigan found Edl, Gallagher, Iddoni, and Zastrow guilty of Clinic Access Obstruction. Emily Nurnberg and Dennis Green were not part of that federal case, and court documents in Little Rock show the State of Arkansas may continue prosecuting the two of them for the 2021 incident.

Family Council agrees with stopping abortion through any legal means. We've never utilized the more aggressive tactics that some groups use. These pro-lifers and Family Council both have a mutual goal of ending abortion. That's what matters to us. Little Rock Family Planning Services has been shuttered for more than two years. With that in mind, it does not seem like the State of Arkansas has anything to gain prosecuting them for trespassing at the facility. We're glad the authorities have decided not to prosecute Edl, Gallagher, Iddoni, and Zastrow, and we hope the case against Nurnberg and Green will be similarly resolved soon.



Left: On January 15, 2021, LRPD arrested six pro-lifers for blocking the entrance to the Little Rock Family Planning Services abortion facility. The State has dropped charges against at least four of the pro-lifers, because the Biden Administration has prosecuted them for blocking facility entrances in other states.

Here is an Expanded Overview of Arkansas' 2024 Ballot Issues

The following has been adapted from Family Council's 2024 Arkansas Voter's Guide

Issue 1: Arkansas Lottery Proceed Funding for Vocational-Technical School Scholarships and Grants Amendment.

Issue 1 is a proposed amendment to the Arkansas Constitution that the Arkansas Legislature voted to place on the ballot. Issue 1 would change the Arkansas Constitution to let proceeds from the Arkansas Lottery fund scholarships and grants for vocational-technical schools and technical institutes. As of September 15, no campaigns have formed to support or oppose Issue 1.

Issue 2: An Amendment Requiring Local Voter Approval in a Countywide Special Election for Certain New Casino Licenses and Repealing Authority to Issue a Casino License in Pope County, Arkansas.

Issue 2 is a proposed amendment to the Arkansas Constitution that the group Local Voters in Charge placed on the ballot by circulating petitions via Arkansas' initiative pro-

cess. The Arkansas Constitution currently authorizes casinos in Garland County, Jefferson County, Crittenden County, and Pope County. This group of local citizens is trying to remove Pope County from the list of locations where casino gaming is allowed. Under Issue 2, the State of Arkansas would be unable to authorize a casino in any community without a new constitutional amendment and without local voter approval at a special election.

As of September 15, state campaign ethics reports show Local Voters in Charge received \$5.6 million from the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma in support of Issue 2.

Issue 2 is opposed by the Arkansas Canvassing Compliance Committee and by the group Investing in Arkansas. As of September 15, state campaign ethics reports show the efforts to defeat Issue 2 have received \$2.8 million from the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma.

Here is an Expanded Overview of Arkansas' 2024 Ballot Issues *(continued)*

Issue 3: Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2024.

Issue 3 is a proposed amendment to the Arkansas Constitution that the group Arkansans for Patient Access placed on the ballot by circulating petitions via Arkansas' initiative process. Issue 3 would expand access to marijuana by making more than 30 changes to the Arkansas Constitution.

Currently, the Arkansas Constitution permits medical marijuana use for specific medical conditions listed in state law. Patients can pay \$50 to purchase a medical marijuana card if a doctor examines and certifies them to use medical marijuana. Issue 3 would let a doctor, pharmacist, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant certify a person to use marijuana for any reason without a medical exam. Issue 3 would eliminate the \$50 annual fee for marijuana cards, meaning cards would be provided for free at taxpayer expense. The amendment would give free marijuana cards to out-of-state users and illegal immigrants who come to Arkansas. Issue 3 also would let people grow and process up to fourteen marijuana plants at home.

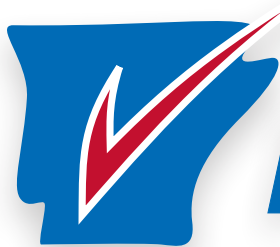
Currently, Arkansas law strictly regulates marijuana advertising, and it contains restrictions on marketing and products that may appeal to children. Issue 3 would repeal current laws that prohibit marijuana advertising, and it would repeal childproof packaging and labeling standards for marijuana. The amendment prohibits any additional regulation or taxation of marijuana by the Arkansas Legislature

and by city and county governments. Issue 3 also guarantees existing marijuana businesses a monopoly over marijuana in Arkansas by limiting the number of licenses available to grow and sell marijuana.

Besides changing Arkansas' medical marijuana laws, Issue 3 also changes Article 5, Section 1, of the Arkansas Constitution concerning ballot initiatives, constitutional amendments, and referenda. Currently, the constitution gives the Arkansas Legislature the authority to change Arkansas' medical marijuana amendment. Issue 3 would take this ability away and prevent the Arkansas Legislature from ever changing any state constitutional amendment.

As of September 15, state campaign ethics reports show Arkansans for Patient Access has received more than \$1.9 million in support of Issue 3. Most of that money came from members of Arkansas' marijuana industry, and most of it was used to hire canvassers to gather enough petition signatures to place the amendment on the ballot.

Issue 3 is opposed by Stronger Arkansas, Family Council Action Committee, Protect Arkansas Kids, and Arkansas Farm Bureau. As of September 15, state campaign ethics reports show these three campaigns collectively have received more than \$700,000 total from different individuals and organizations to defeat Issue 3.



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Visit ArkansasVotersGuide.com Today to Learn About Candidates and Ballot Issues

Election Day 2024 is November 5. You can visit ArkansasVotersGuide.com to learn more about candidates running for office in Arkansas and about the ballot issues you will see when you go vote. The Arkansas Voter's Guide is one of the best resources Family Council produces. We survey the candidates on a wide variety of issues that voters care about, and then we publish their responses in print and online. We don't endorse candidates or rate their responses. We let each candidate's survey answers—or lack thereof—speak for themselves.

Family Council has distributed more than 35,000 printed copies of the Arkansas Voter's Guide ahead of the November election.



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Giving Tuesday!

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Help Family Council ON GIVING TUESDAY!

December 3, 2024, is Giving Tuesday. This is a day set aside for charitable giving all over America. Since 2019, our friends have helped us raise more than \$200,000 in donations for Giving Tuesday.

This year some very generous supporters have pledged to give \$15,000 in matching challenge gifts for Giving Tuesday. We're calling on all of our friends to help us meet this \$15,000 goal. If you have never given before, this may be your opportunity to help support the work of Family Council. Your generous donation on Giving Tuesday will meet this \$15,000 matching challenge goal, and it will let us promote, protect, and strengthen traditional family values in Arkansas. Scan the QR code next to this column to learn more about how to give today.



Thank You For Your Friendship and Support

As Thanksgiving approaches later this month, I want to pause and tell you how much I appreciate your friendship and support. Without you and our other friends like you, Family Council would have failed a long time ago. Instead we have grown and accomplished more than any of us could have imagined. When I look back on the past 35 years, I can see how the hand of God has shaped and guided our work. I also see how He has used the generosity of our friends to empower us to do a lot of good in Arkansas. I hope you will give a generous, tax-deductible donation to support us this month, if you are able. **We will stretch your gift as far as it will go to make Arkansas a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Thank you for standing with us. Please call us if there is anything we can do for you.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jerry'.

Thank you!!

Jerry Cox, President

P.S. Enclosed with this letter is a flier outlining ways you can give to Family Council. I hope you will help us reach our goal on Giving Tuesday. Before you go vote on November 5, be sure to visit ArkansasVotersGuide.com to learn more about the candidates and issues you will see on your ballot.



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.
