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Dear Friends,

Recently I was visiting with another lobbyist who has been going to the capitol about as long as I have. I asked him what word he might use to describe the legislature this year. He smiled and said, "Psychotic." I laughed and told him, "That explains why you fit in so well here at the capitol." He got a real kick out of that.

After more than 35 years of lobbying, one thing has become clear: Each legislative session is unique, and no two are exactly alike. This year has been no different. In fact, it may be one of the more unusual sessions. Most of the time the first days of the session are a lot like the first days back at school: People are excited to see each other. There's a lot of handshaking and backslapping. Even people who don't always get along with each other are friendly. This year, people weren't exactly unfriendly, but many of the lawmakers seemed tired. It's normal for fatigue to set in toward the end of the session, but not at the beginning. That may be a testimony to how wearisome our political environment has become the past few years.

A few lawmakers have seemed visibly flustered or confused during committee meetings. Some who don't plan to run for reelection in 2026 are about as attentive as a high school senior who is a few days away from graduation. But nothing this session has been as shocking as the way lawmakers have acted when it comes to pro-life legislation. Pro-life bills are passing with nearly unanimous support!

H.B. 1610 by Rep. Robin Lundstrum and Sen. Jimmy Hickey clarifies Arkansas' pro-life laws and it closes loopholes that an abortionist might use to justify killing an unborn child. We began meeting with our friends at Arkansas Right to Life and at other pro-life organizations to talk about this legislation at the beginning of the year. Pro-lifers understood that Arkansas' pro-life laws needed to be clarified, but we were concerned that legislation would be controversial or might not accomplish what it needs to. Family Council, Arkansas Right to Life, pro-life lawmakers, and pro-life attorneys from around the nation worked together to come up with a good bill. Once the bill was ready, all of us began shopping it around to lawmakers and other pro-lifers. What we ended up with was a pro-life bill that truly had bipartisan support. In this political climate, it's hard to find much of anything that both sides of the aisle can agree on, let alone abortion. We were concerned pro-abortion Democrats and moderate Republicans might undermine H.B. 1610. Instead, they were some of its biggest supporters. In fact, it was two Democrats who made the motion to pass H.B. 1610 in the senate committee.

How is it possible that an abortion bill drafted by some of the most pro-life attorneys in America would get so much support? Did they misunderstand the bill? Is the bill not really as "pro-life" as we think it is? No, this was a case where a lot of people worked very hard to draft a measure that everyone could feel good about. H.B. 1610 wasn't the only abortion bill that passed with bipartisan support. Our friends at Arkansas Right to Life worked with Rep. Jimmy Gazaway on H.B. 1551 making it a felony to try to kill an unborn child by secretly giving a pregnant woman abortion-inducing drugs. In the past, pro-abortion forces might have looked for an excuse to oppose this good bill, but H.B. 1551 passed without anyone voting against it. I hope you will keep reading this letter to learn more about these good bills and the other work that Family Council is doing.



Executive Director Jerry Cox

My Thoughts: Lawmakers Need to Do More Than Simply Raise the Price Special Interests Pay to Buy Their Way to the Ballot

By Jerry Cox, Executive Director

If you've read our letters and followed the articles we publish at FamilyCouncil.org, you know Family Council has serious concerns about how Arkansas' initiative process makes it possible for special interests to buy their way to the ballot. The state legislature has passed several good laws to address that. Right now Arkansas' constitution is for sale—and it's cheap. But if Arkansas does not do more, I'm afraid all we may be doing is raising the price.

This year the Arkansas Legislature has passed bills to prevent outdated signatures from being used to certify a measure for the ballot; prevent people from submitting ballot measures that conflict with federal law; help prevent petition fraud; make it easier to disqualify petition signatures when a canvasser commits fraud; and help people better understand ballot measures before signing a petition to place a measure on the ballot. All of those are good laws that Family Council was pleased to support. But as good as those laws are, they don't address some of the deeper problems plaguing the ballot initiative process.

In 2012 Nancy Todd's Poker Palace and Entertainment Venues, LLC, circulated petitions in support of a constitutional amendment letting the company run casinos in Pulaski, Miller, Franklin, and Crittenden counties. The proposal would have written Nancy Todd's Poker Palace into the state constitution, giving the company a monopoly over casino gambling in Arkansas. The amendment failed to make the ballot primarily because its sponsors didn't have enough money to hire the canvassers necessary to collect signatures to place the amendment on the ballot. If they had been better funded, they almost certainly could have made the ballot. Right now, Arkansas has no law to prevent a well-funded corporation from writing itself into the state constitution.

In 2018 the group Driving Arkansas Forward spent \$7.1 million on its campaign to place the Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment on the ballot. Most of the group's funding came from the organizations associated with gambling in Oklahoma. Driving Arkansas Forward spent hundreds of thousands of dollars hiring canvassers to circulate petitions for the amendment. Once on the ballot, the group ran misleading television ads implying the casinos would generate tax revenue for better roads in Arkansas. The Arkansas Department of Transportation pointed out at the time that nothing in the amendment provided tax funding for Arkansas' roads or highways. Most of the tax revenue collected from casinos under the amendment goes to legislative bodies to spend as they see fit. But that did not matter. Driving Arkansas Forward ran the deceptive ads on television anyway. The amendment passed in 2018 by a vote of 54% to 46%. To date, there is no evidence that tax revenue from casino gambling has made Arkansas' roads any better than they were in 2018. Arkansas has deceptive advertising laws that apply to stores and other businesses, but there is no law addressing deceptive ads for ballot measures.

In 2022 marijuana industry insiders proposed Issue 4, a constitutional amendment legalizing marijuana in Arkansas and giving a handful of businesses an unregulated monopoly over its cultivation and sale. Issue 4 would have eliminated all taxes on medical marijuana and set a very low tax rate on recreational marijuana sales. State and local officials would have been unable to raise taxes on marijuana, and city councils and quorum courts would have been unable to regulate marijuana use.

Issue 4's supporters spent more than \$14 million in support of the measure. They hired petition canvassers to gather enough signatures to place the measure on the ballot, and they ran deceptive TV advertisements featuring video footage of Little Rock Police. Little Rock's city attorney sent a cease-and-desist letter to Issue 4's sponsors demanding that the group stop using video footage of Little Rock police officers in the ads, because the ads implied that LRPD supported the marijuana amendment. The sponsors ignored the letter and kept running the deceptive ads anyway. Again, Arkansas has no law addressing this type of deceptive, multimillion-dollar advertising campaign.

Those are just a few examples of how Arkansas' laws fall short when it comes to the ballot initiative process. There are probably a dozen more laws the legislature should look at passing to fix these problems—laws to prevent a ballot measure's sponsor from paying canvassers "under the table" with gift cards or stipends, or laws to make it easier to take a measure's backers to court when they run deceptive TV ads. The laws we've passed so far are a good start, but if we aren't careful, we won't stop wealthy corporations from buying their way to the ballot. We'll simply raise the price they have to pay.

Arkansas Legislature Passes Good Bill to Clarify Abortion Laws

On March 17, the Arkansas Legislature passed H.B. 1610—which is now Act 387 of 2025. This good bill clarifies the state’s pro-life laws. Since 2022, Arkansas has prohibited abortion except to save the life of the mother in a medical emergency. Arkansas has been named the most pro-life state in America time and again. But over the past couple of years it has become evident that Arkansas’ pro-life laws could be written more clearly.

H.B. 1610 by Rep. Robin Lundstrum (R – Elm Springs) and Sen. Jimmy Hickey (R – Texarkana) clarifies the definition of “medical emergency” in state law, strengthens legal protections for doctors who treat pregnant women, and closes possible loopholes in the current abortion law. Under H.B. 1610, physicians would use “reasonable medical judgment” to determine whether abortion is necessary to save a woman’s life. This is the same medical and legal standard used to make other important medical decisions. H.B. 1610 also makes it clear that psychological or emotional conditions cannot be used to justify abortion. This would help prevent an abortionist or a judge from trying to broaden Arkansas’ exceptions for abortion.

H.B. 1610 passed without a single lawmaker voting against it. It has been years since a pro-life bill had truly bipartisan support from Republicans and Democrats alike, but this bill did.

The bill clearly says that a child should not be aborted when there are other ways besides abortion to save the life of the mother. And H.B. 1610 clarifies that a doctor does not violate the law if an unborn child accidentally or unintentionally dies because of legitimate medical treatment the doctor provided to the mother.

H.B. 1610 passed without a single lawmaker voting against it. It has been years since a pro-life bill had truly bipartisan support from Republicans and Democrats alike, but this bill did. Family Council deeply appreciates Rep. Robin Lundstrum, Sen. Jimmy Hickey, the state General Assembly, Arkansas Right to Life, and the pro-life leaders who championed this pro-life bill. We appreciate Gov. Sanders for signing it into law. H.B. 1610 is a good measure that will strengthen Arkansas’ pro-life laws and help protect women and unborn children from abortion.

Arkansas Senate Passes Bill to Protect Women and Children from Abortion Drugs

On March 19, the Arkansas Legislature passed a good bill clarifying that abortion by fraud is a crime in Arkansas. Right now abortion in Arkansas is generally prohibited except to save the life of the mother, and it is illegal to deliver abortion-inducing drugs into the state. Arkansas also has laws prohibiting fetal homicide. However, Arkansas has no specific law addressing situations in which a person secretly gives abortion drugs like RU-486 to a pregnant woman. H.B. 1551 by Rep. Jimmy Gazaway (R – Paragould) makes it a felony to try to kill an unborn child by secretly giving a pregnant woman abortion-inducing drugs without her knowledge or consent.

In 2022 abortion drugs were secretly placed in Catherine Herring’s water in order to cause the death of her unborn child. In March, Ms. Herring came to Arkansas to testify in committee about how those abortion drugs sent her to the hospital and nearly took the life of her unborn child. H.B. 1551 is a good bill that will help protect women and unborn children from dangerous abortion drugs. It passed the Arkansas House and Arkansas Senate without a single lawmaker voting against it. Family Council was happy to support this good law that was backed by our friends at Arkansas Right to Life.

Good Bill Filed to Crack Down on Abortion Pill Trafficking in Arkansas

In March Rep. Wayne Long (R – Bradford) filed legislation to strengthen Arkansas’ laws concerning abortion-inducing drugs. Currently, Arkansas law generally prohibits abortion except to save the life of the mother, and the state’s 2021 Abortion-Inducing Drugs Safety Act makes it a crime to mail or deliver drugs like RU-486 into Arkansas for purposes of abortion.

However, NPR reported last year that lawmakers in some pro-abortion states have enacted “shield laws” to protect abortionists who ship abortion drugs across state lines. The shield laws give abortionists immunity from civil or criminal liability and prevent them from being extradited to the state where the abortion drugs were sent. H.B. 1678 by Rep. Long would amend Arkansas’ Abortion-Inducing Drugs Safety Act to help address this problem. The bill would increase the penalty for selling or prescribing abortion-inducing drugs and would make it easier to take a person to court for violating the Abortion-Inducing Drugs Safety Act. All of this would provide additional options for enforcing the state’s pro-life laws and offer better protection for women and unborn children in Arkansas.

Senate Education Committee Rejects Pro-Life “Baby Olivia Act” a Second Time

On February 26, the Senate Education Committee rejected a good bill that would help provide public school students in Arkansas with appropriate education about unborn children. H.B. 1180, The Baby Olivia Act, by Rep. Mary Bentley (R – Perryville) and Sen. Clint Penzo (R – Springdale) ensures public schools show students a recording of a high-definition ultrasound video that is at least three minutes long as part of sex-education and human growth and development education courses. It also lets students see a video like Live Action’s computer-animated “Meet Baby Olivia” video that teaches about human development from conception to birth.

The bill passed with overwhelming support in the Arkansas House, but the Senate Education Committee has twice failed to pass H.B. 1180. The measure narrowly avoided a “Do Not Pass” motion from the committee on February 10. After that, Rep. Bentley and Sen. Penzo amended the bill to help address questions and concerns some of the Senate Education Committee members expressed about it.

H.B. 1180 is backed by the Arkansas Surgeon General, pro-life OB/GYNs, and various pro-life groups and leaders in the state. Pro-abortion groups like the Arkansas Abortion Support Network, For AR People, and the liberal medical organization ACOG oppose H.B. 1180.

Passing a bill in committee requires five votes. Only four senators voted for H.B. 1180 on February 26. Three senators voted against the bill, and one senator chose not to vote.

Right: The Senate Education Committee hears an explanation of H.B. 1180, the Baby Olivia Act by Rep. Bentley and Sen. Penzo. The committee has failed to pass this good bill twice this year.

The Following Senators Voted FOR H.B. 1180:

- Sen. Jim Dotson (R – Bentonville)
- Sen. Joshua Bryant (R – Rogers)
- Sen. Dan Sullivan (R – Jonesboro)
- Sen. Bryan King (R – Green Forrest)

The Following Senators Voted AGAINST H.B. 1180:

- Sen. Stephanie Flowers (D – Pine Bluff)
- Sen. Breanne Davis (R – Russellville)
- Sen. Reginald Murdock (D – Marianna)

The Following Senator Did Not Vote:

- Sen. Jane English (R – North Little Rock)

As of March 21, there have been discussions about amending H.B. 1180 further to persuade senators to vote for this good bill. Sens. Davis and English have also filed S.B. 450, which is an alternative ultrasound video and fetal education bill. Visit FamilyCouncil.org or call our office at (501) 375-7000 for the latest information on this legislation.



Arkansas Passes Good Bill to Affirm Religious Freedom in Public Schools

On March 19 the Arkansas Legislature passed a first-of-its-kind bill affirming religious freedom in public schools. Right now, public school students and teachers have a lot of free-

dom to practice their faith at school. Schools can offer academic courses on the Bible under Arkansas law. Religious clubs like Fellowship of Christian Athletes are welcome to organize at school. If students are assigned an essay about something meaningful in their life, they can write about their faith. If students have free time to read books during school hours, they can read the Bible.

The problem is these good protections for religious freedom at school are spread out all over Arkansas law, the state and federal constitutions, and court rulings. There has never been a single law explaining what religious freedoms public school students have—until now.

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Left: Family Council Staff Attorney Stephanie Nichols (left) testifies alongside Rep. Alyssa Brown (right) in support of S.B. 223 affirming religious freedom at public schools.



Arkansas Passes Good Bill to Affirm Religious Freedom in Public Schools *(continued)*

S.B. 223 by Sen. Mark Johnson (R – Little Rock) and Rep. Alyssa Brown (R – Heber Springs) affirms public school students' and teachers' religious liberties at school. The bill identifies and upholds religious freedoms that are already protected by state and federal law—such as the right to pray, discuss religion, or read the Bible during free time at school. The bill also helps make sure that religious expression is treated equally to other types of speech at school. It does not create any new rights or limit the freedom of public school students. The bill simply provides public school administrators, teachers, and students with an overview of the religious freedoms our laws protect at school. This will help prevent schools from squelching anyone's religious liberties.

On March 18, Family Council's staff attorney, Stephanie Nichols, testified alongside Rep. Brown in support of S.B. 223 in the House Education Committee. The committee passed the bill that day, and the Arkansas House of Representatives passed it later that week. As of March 21, all it needs is the governor's signature to become law. Now that S.B. 223 has passed, we are hearing rumors that other states around the country may be interested in passing similar legislation. This is a really good bill that will help protect public school students and teachers who want to live out their faith at school. Family Council was pleased to work with Sen. Mark Johnson and Rep. Alyssa Brown in support of this good law.

Bad Bills Could Lead Arkansas Toward a Recreational Hemp Haze—But There is Hope

In 2018 congress passed the federal Agriculture Improvement Act legalizing industrial hemp—that is, cannabis plants that are low THC. THC is the main drug in marijuana. It makes people feel “high.” The goal was to let farmers grow hemp for textiles like rope or cloth. But manufacturers have exploited the law by extracting and refining what little THC is in industrial hemp. Doing this on a commercial scale means they can extract a lot of THC to infuse into products like drinks, candies, and e-cigarettes.

When congress legalized industrial hemp in 2018, most of us did not anticipate that it would lead to gummies with as much THC in them as recreational marijuana products in Colorado, but that's what happened. In response, lawmakers and public health officials in upwards of a dozen states have prohibited THC made from hemp. In September California's Health Department published emergency rules prohibiting hemp products that “contain a detectable level of THC or other intoxicating cannabinoids.” Within days, authorities in California seized more than 700 illegal food products that contained THC made from industrial hemp.

In 2023, Sen. Tyler Dees (R – Siloam Springs) and Rep. Jimmy Gazaway (R – Paragould) sponsored legislation prohibiting THC made from industrial hemp in Arkansas and implementing restrictions on THC in case a federal court overruled the THC ban. The measure passed, and Governor

Sanders signed it into law. That law is currently tied up in federal court, but we expect a good ruling in the case soon.

But bad bills proposed in Arkansas would legalize THC products made from hemp. H.B. 1722 by Rep. Jeremiah Moore (R – Clarendon) would effectively repeal the good law Arkansas passed in 2023 and replace it with a law legalizing hemp-derived products containing THC in Arkansas. The bill specifically protects THC vapes and other products containing THC extracted from industrial hemp. H.B. 1722 was presented at the House Rules Committee meeting on March 12. After lengthy testimony and discussion, the committee narrowly rejected the measure.

H.B. 1578 by Rep. Aaron Pilkington (R – Knoxville) would legalize drinks containing hemp-derived THC in Arkansas. The bill sets age restrictions, licensing requirements, and manufacturing guidelines for these drinks, but it does not clearly restrict the amount of THC a hemp-derived drink could contain. Obviously, that raises serious concerns. Bills like H.B. 1578 and H.B. 1722 would give wealthy companies a way to manufacture and sell THC and other dangerous drugs made from hemp. That would harm a lot of innocent people.

But there is good news. In March, Sen. Dees and Rep. Gazaway filed S.B. 533. This good bill prohibits intoxicating hemp products that contain THC and other drugs. S.B. 533 would clarify the hemp law Arkansas passed two years ago. The bill effectively prohibits THC and other drugs made from hemp from being put into food or drinks sold in the state. S.B. 533 also makes sure legal hemp products like CBD oil or cosmetics do not contain dangerous drugs.

As of March 21, Family Council is working hard to defeat the bad hemp bills—H.B. 1722 and H.B. 1578—and we are supporting the good bill, S.B. 533. Arkansas simply does not need another drug problem. You can learn more about these bills and others by visiting FamilyCouncil.org.



Families Gather for Home School Day at the Capitol

On February 26, more than a thousand home schoolers, policymakers, and elected officials gathered for Home School Day at the Capitol 2025. Family Council and our home school division, the Education Alliance, are proud to host this great event every legislative session. Home School Day at the Capitol gives home school families the opportunity to gather with one another, meet legislators, watch committee meetings, tour the capitol, and more.

This year home schoolers heard from Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Lt. Governor Leslie Rutledge, Attorney General Tim Griffin, Secretary of State Cole Jester, State Auditor Dennis Milligan, State Treasurer John Thurston, State Land Commissioner Tommy Land, and others. Rep. Cameron Cooper (R – Romance) also presented a special resolution in the Arkansas House of Representatives recognizing and honoring home schooling in Arkansas. Family Council has always believed families deserve options when it comes to education. That's one reason we have supported home schooling for the past 30 years. Home School Day at the Capitol demonstrates how home schooling makes it possible for families in Arkansas to flourish.



Above: Home schoolers gather in the Arkansas Capitol Rotunda.

Ministers, Elected Leaders Gather for Pastors' Day at the Capitol 2025

On March 6, ministers and church leaders from across Arkansas gathered for Pastors' Day at the Capitol. Family Council and its Church Ambassador Network initiative sponsored this excellent event. Pastors' Day at the Capitol gives church leaders an opportunity to worship in the capitol rotunda, hear from elected officials, and pray over the state's policymakers—and it's one of the best things we do all year.

The Church Ambassador Network is a nonpartisan initiative of Family Council designed to build relationships be-

tween ministry leaders and community leaders. Our goal is for elected officials to see churches as a resource that can address many of the problems that communities face. This year the Church Ambassador Network has hosted different meetings between ministers and elected officials to help further that goal. We are pleased to bring ministers and elected officials together for this excellent event, and we look forward to hosting other gatherings with ministers and elected officials in the near future.



Above Left: Dr. Ronnie Floyd addresses ministers, church leaders, and elected officials at Family Council's 2025 Pastors' Day at the Capitol.



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QR code to see a full list of bills we are tracking as of March 21.



There Isn't Room to Tell You About All the Legislation We're Working On

Right now we are tracking nearly 50 pieces of legislation in Arkansas. Normally our monthly *Arkansas Citizen* includes a breakdown of all of our bills, but there are just too many for us to include in this month's letter.

We publish legislative recaps every Friday during the session at FamilyCouncil.org. You can scan the QR code on this page to see our list of good and bad bills from March 21 on our website. While you are there, you can look for more recent articles and updates from the Family Council team. You can look for more information about the legislative session in our next letter.

We don't have room for everything, but here are ten bills we definitely want you to know about:

H.B. 1180 (Good Pro-Life Bill): This good bill by Rep. Mary Bentley (R – Perryville) and Sen. Clint Penzo (R – Springdale) ensures public schools show students a high-definition ultrasound video that is at least three minutes long as part of sex-education and human growth and development education courses. The bill also ensures students see a video like Live Action's computer-animated "Meet Baby Olivia" video that teaches about human development from conception to birth.

S.B. 450 (Good Pro-Life): This good bill by Sen. Breanne Davis (R – Russellville) and Rep. Kendra Moore (R – Lincoln) makes it possible for public school students to see a recording of a high-definition ultrasound video as part of human fetal growth and development education courses and learn important facts about how unborn children develop in the womb.

H.B. 1202 (Good Pro-Life Bill): This good bill by the Joint Budget Committee appropriates money for the Department of Finance and Administration for the 2025–2026 fiscal year. The budget includes \$2 million in grant funding to pregnancy help organizations that promote maternal and infant wellness and provide material support to women with unplanned pregnancies.

H.B. 1713 (Good Ballot Initiative Bill): This good bill by Rep. Ryan Rose (R – Van Buren) and Sen. Mark Johnson (R – Little Rock) requires ballot initiative titles to be written at or below an eighth grade reading level. A ballot title is supposed to accurately summarize a measure so voters can decide if they support or oppose it. H.B. 1713 is similar to legislation enacted

in other states to help make sure ballot titles are easy for voters to read and understand. This will help address deceptive or misleading ballot initiatives in Arkansas.

H.B. 1714 (Good Ballot Initiative Bill): This good bill by Rep. Ryan Rose (R – Van Buren) and Sen. Kim Hammer (R – Benton) clarifies the definition of a "paid canvasser" in state law. Current law says that anyone who receives anything of value in return for soliciting signatures on a petition is a paid canvasser. Paid canvassers are subject to certain laws that do not apply to volunteer canvassers. H.B. 1714 further clarifies that receiving anything of value includes receiving payment for items like food, lodging, travel, bonuses, fees, gift cards, and other payments associated with obtaining signatures on a petition. This will help bring better clarity to state law.

S.B. 533 (Good Bill Banning Drugs): This good bill by Sen. Tyler Dees (R – Siloam Springs) and Rep. Jimmy Gazaway (R – Paragould) prohibits dangerous drugs made from industrial hemp.

H.B. 1722 (Bad Drug Legalization Bill): This bad bill by Rep. Jeremiah Moore (R – Clarendon) and Sen. Gary Stubblefield (R – Branch) would legalize THC and other dangerous drugs made from industrial hemp law.

H.B. 1578 (Bad Drug Legalization Bill): This bad bill by Rep. Aaron Pilkington (R – Knoxville) and Sen. Joshua Bryant (R – Rogers) would legalize intoxicating drinks containing THC made from industrial hemp law.

H.B. 1861 (Bad Gambling Bill): This bad bill by Rep. Matt Duffield (R – Russellville) and Sen. David Wallace (R – Leachville) lets casinos in Arkansas offer gambling online via smart phones and mobile devices from anywhere in Arkansas.

H.B. 1880 (Bad Abortion Bill): This bad bill by Rep. Ashley Hudson (D – Little Rock) would add broad exceptions permitting abortion for the "health" of the mother. It also would allow abortion in cases of rape or incest, and it would let abortionists abort babies who are at risk of certain fetal abnormalities. The bill's health exceptions are particularly broad and open to interpretation—meaning they likely could lead to thousands of abortions on healthy unborn children. And Family Council has written time and again how abortion actually hurts the victims of rape or incest.

We Need Your Help

This is a critical time for Family Council. As an organization, we have grown and taken on more responsibilities. Our Church Ambassador Network is hosting meetings between ministers and government leaders. Our lobby team is at the capitol every day, meeting with lawmakers and talking to attorneys and other lobbyists about legislation. Every week we get to communicate with 10,000 families and churches, on average, online through emails and text messages, our websites, and our social media presence. No other organization in Arkansas does what we do. We are honored that we get to serve in this way. But we cannot do this work alone. That's why I hope you will send a generous, tax-deductible donation today, if you are able. I promise my team and I will do our best to stretch your gift as far as it will go to do the most good in Arkansas.

Thank you for your friendship and support. It's always good to know we have friends like you who want to work with us to make Arkansas a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Please let me know if there is ever anything my staff or I can do for you.

Sincerely,



Thank you!!

Jerry Cox, President



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.

