



*Your champion in  
Washington, the media,  
and your community*

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**I'm praying that you will help FRC meet our fiscal year-end budget goal,  
so we can effectively fight for your family in Washington, D.C.**

Dear Friend of FRC,

I write you today in prayerful anticipation of your quick response. The Family Research Council's fiscal year will end on September 30. This time each year we share our status with our friends and pray that we will meet our annual budget. I'm thankful to report that you have helped FRC have one of our most successful years championing the values we hold dear.

Now we are trying to raise \$2.5 million to close our books on budget and enter our new fiscal year in a position of financial strength for the battles ahead. Meeting this goal is even more crucial because of a huge challenge we currently face—an open seat on the Supreme Court.

Right now, many senators are looking to FRC for decisive leadership in this winner-takes-all fight. They are under tremendous pressure from liberal special interests, who have raised an astronomical **\$100-million war chest** to oppose strict constructionist judges. Unfortunately, without FRC's constant presence, we can't rely on some senators to stand firm.

Thankfully, our ceaseless efforts—including the Justice Sunday simulcast that was available to more than 61 million homes—have shifted this contest in our favor. But it is still *very* close.

We must press our advantage now or risk losing much of what we have achieved.

All this comes at a challenging time. It's the end of summer, when many of our friends are on vacation, spending time with family and friends, out of touch with us. As we stretch our resources to the limit in this unbudgeted Supreme Court battle, we can't abandon our core mission of defending traditional marriage and the sanctity of human life and our many other programs championing family, faith, and freedom.

That's why I couldn't be happier about some wonderful news . . .

**A few deeply committed friends have given FRC \$500,000 in leadership gifts to help us meet our budget need. They hope to increase the impact of their grant by challenging friends like you to help ensure FRC remains America's most effective pro-family advocate in Washington, D.C.!**

**What an answer to prayer!** That is why it's so important I hear back from you right away.

FRC cannot afford to lose momentum even for a moment. In fact, there's even more coming up

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than the battles I briefly mentioned—midterm elections are only a year away. The incumbent party traditionally loses seats, *so we must be cautious and assume that we have only one year left to work with the conservatives currently in the House and Senate.*

Thanks to the prayers and support of so many friends like you, the past 12 months have been some of the most effective in FRC's history. For example, we've had more media exposure than in any period in our history.

We and our allies began educating the public about judges who redefine marriage based on their personal views rather than the rule of law. As a result, voters in 13 states passed legislation protecting the sanctity of marriage—a perfect 100% success rate!

We greatly expanded our training for pastors to lead their flocks more effectively in civic action, giving your investment in FRC greater impact for America's families.

FRC even helped pass a global ban on human cloning at the United Nations! Now we continue working relentlessly to ban cloning and embryonic stem-cell research in our country.

**Perhaps most important, we helped to finally end the filibusters by liberal senators that for years kept many conservative men and women of faith from serving as federal judges.**

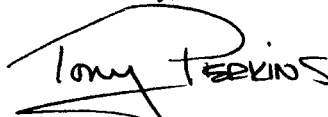
As a result of our profound national impact, the *Washington Post* recently said that FRC was among an elite group of organizations that shape civic debates. This is remarkable, considering the comparison was to organizations with budgets ten or more times our own. This accolade is humbling yet is evidence that every gift to FRC makes a tremendous difference.

Today, if loyal friends like you renew your support, we *will* continue this momentum and successfully confirm a new Supreme Court judge.

So please, help us meet our fiscal year-end challenge so we can continue to effectively battle for your most cherished values in the media, in our nation's halls of power, and in the hearts and minds of Americans across the country.

Together, through prayer and decisive action, we will protect and advance the values of family, faith, and freedom that have made America a great nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Perkins". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Tony Perkins  
President

P.S. We are in times full of opportunities and challenges. Please send your generous gift, which will be combined with the \$500,000 grant, well before our fiscal year ends on September 30. God bless you for your generosity and faithfulness.