

February 24, 2004

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Dear Mr. President:

We are deeply grateful to you for your long-standing and deep-seated commitment to the preservation of the family. We especially thank you for the decision you have announced to support and work for the passage of the Federal Marriage Amendment, as introduced in both Houses of Congress.

We can think of no more crucial issue for our nation than the preservation of the institution of marriage. As you have repeatedly pointed out, it is threatened today by courts which have acted contrary to the Constitution, making rather than interpreting the law.

Mr. President, we applaud your courage. There have been times in our history when presidents have been called upon to make difficult decisions to protect the balance of power in our government. Abraham Lincoln did this when he refused to recognize the Constitutional precedent of the Supreme Court's Dred Scott decision. We think you are making just such a stand in opposing what we view as runaway courts. Thank you, sir, for standing with the people and for doing what is right.

We pledge to you that we will do everything in our power to inform and educate our constituents about the importance and urgency of this issue both for the preservation of the family in America as well as the right ordering of our government. We will speak on behalf of and to our communities encouraging their fullest participation in what must be a great national debate to preserve the sanctity of marriage and representative government.

God bless you as you carry out your great responsibilities.

Respectfully,

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