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"A good education starts with a family. A good job starts with a family.

A good community starts with a family. A good economy starts with a family. While we fight to represent the values we all hold dear, Family First has the order of the needed solutions right – we applaud their efforts."

---Rep. Seth Morgan, Chairman of the Ohio House Republican Policy Committee

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From Our Chairman

Dear Friends of Family First,

It is over ninety days since the watershed national election and the first thing I want to do is thank God for "time." Why time? Time is a healer; it allows for clearer thinking, not muddled emotional responses. (Have you stopped talking back to the TV during newscasts yet?) Time allows us to focus, re-commit and re-energize. It allows for the battle lines to be drawn, and the opportunities to become apparent.

Conservatives need to be honest. The 2006 and 2008 election results were, in part, a direct response to the lack of commitment by conservative politicians to conservative policies, both fiscal and social. Lack of energy, focus and a timid spirit on the part of elected officials were critical issues leading to these election results.

Back to the discussion of time. It is time to re-group, become focused. To make a renewed commitment to the principles so important to the formation and preservation of genuine values that nurture family life. As an organization we have renewed our energy and commitment. Have you?

Can we count on your involvement and support in 2009 and beyond? We are confident of it! Say a prayer for our nation, our families and Family First. If possible, put a check in the mail in support of Family First at whatever level you can afford. (Donor envelope enclosed.) Our long list of qualified candidates would appreciate that very much!

We thank you for your time, energy, prayers and contributions! We are looking forward to an interesting year.

Warmest regards,

Jack C. Gruber

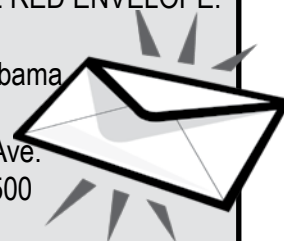
Chairman of Family First PAC

Red Envelope Project

On January 23, 2009, President Obama signed an Executive Order overturning "The Mexico City Policy." This released approximately \$461 million of our tax dollars to groups that promote abortion in other countries. Obama has pledged many more such actions to promote what he calls "reproductive choice"---aka ABORTION.

Take Action! Get ONE RED ENVELOPE. Address it to:

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington DC 20500



Write your name and return address in upper left corner. If you're a young person, add your age or where you attend school. (Obama is sensitive to the "youth vote.")

On the back of the envelope, write the following message:

"This envelope represents 1 child who died from abortion. It is empty because that child was unable to fulfill his or her God-given purpose. He or she cannot offer anything to the world, and has left a mother empty inside."

Mail your empty red envelope! Then share this project with pro-life friends by e-mail or by photocopying this newsletter. Buy a box of red envelopes and pass them out at meetings. Many pro-life organizations are participating in this national project.

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Ohio Statewide 2010 Ticket Taking Shape

Although the primary is a year away, Ohio's statewide races are already heating up. Fox News commentator and former Congressman John Kasich is expected to be the Republican frontrunner for Governor. State Senator Kevin Coughlin is also running, but Kasich is thought to be the strongest Republican to take on the liberal Democrat incumbent, Gov. Ted Strickland.

Another former Congressman, Republican Rob Portman, launched his campaign for U.S. Senate shortly after George Voinovich's retirement announcement. Liberal Democrats Jennifer Brunner, Lee Fisher and Tyrone Yates will face off in the Democrat primary for U.S. Senate. Both Brunner and Fisher are extremely liberal so conservatives around the state are volunteering for Rob Portman's campaign.



Ohio Auditor
Mary Taylor

Incumbent State Auditor Mary Taylor, a conservative Republican, has been endorsed by Family First in the past, and Republicans hope to hold Taylor's seat

in 2010. State Auditor is one of the Apportionment Board seats, which is important because the Apportionment Board redraws political boundaries (to their party's benefit) after each census. Governor, Secretary of State, and Auditor are Apportionment

Board seats so these three races will be hotly contested.



Rep. Ron Maag and Rep. Josh Mandel

Conservative leaders are excited about Republican State Rep. Josh Mandel, another former Family First endorsee. Mandel (pictured above) is the leading candidate for State Treasurer. He is known as a conservative champion for social and fiscal issues and is already putting together a strong campaign.

The field for Ohio Secretary of State is still in flux but is expected to include Republicans Sandra O'Brien and Jon Husted. O'Brien, a staunch conservative, was endorsed by Family First in 2006 when she beat incumbent liberal Republican State Treasurer Jennette Bradley. Husted, the former Ohio House Speaker, is currently a State Senator. A third Republican, Franklin Co. Recorder Rob Montgomery, is said to be considering getting into this primary. Democrats Bill Mason and Paula Brooks are thought to be the likely Democrats running in this race.

The Ohio Attorney General race has yet to take shape. Republican Mike DeWine is considering a run, as is conservative Republican Dave Yost,

the Delaware County Prosecutor. It is possible Republican Mike Crites could take another run at it as well. Mike DeWine is also considering a gubernatorial bid or the U.S. Senate race instead. Yost is traveling the state and has been a guest at Lincoln Day dinners in over a dozen counties. Liberal Democrat incumbent Richard Cordray will be the Democrat nominee.

As these races unfold, Family First will provide more information in future newsletters and on our website:

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Family First salutes one of our former endorsees, State Senator Jack Westwood, for co-sponsoring Kentucky Senate Bill 79. This good, common-sense legislation would require abortionists to meet with the woman face to face before performing her abortion. It also requires the abortionist to do an ultrasound, offer the woman the right to look at the ultrasound, and explain it to her if she wishes.

"This will go a long way toward giving women as much information as possible before they make this heart-rending decision. And hopefully it will encourage some of them to choose the life option."

---Senator Jack Westwood (R-Erlanger)

Support Family First!

Enclose your gift to help Family First elect candidates who share our values.

Name _____

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*Occupation _____

*The law requires we ask for this information.

Check payable & mail to:

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Friday, April 17th from 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Family First Fundraiser at the home of Matt and Julie Byrne, with the Honorable **Mary Taylor** and other very special guests. For information, contact Lori Viars at life1@go-concepts.com or 513-932-3554. *Save the date!*