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Dear Friends,

Recently, Chick-fil-A restaurants have come under attack, and contrary to many news reports, this attack comes not for being anti anything. The truth of the matter is that they are under attack for being pro-traditional family values. You see, as a corporation Chick-fil-A has contributed money over the years to organizations that support, promote, and defend Biblical values, which include the truth that marriage is a union between one man and one woman. In a recent interview with the Baptist Press, president and chief operating officer of Chick-fil-A, Dan Cathy stated, "We are very much supportive of the family -- the biblical definition of the family unit. We are a family-owned business, a family-led business, and we are married to our first wives. We give God thanks for that." When asked about his company's support for the traditional family, Cathy said, "Well, guilty as charged,..." You can read the full interview here:

<http://www.bpnews.net/BPnews.asp?ID=38271>

I will stand firmly as an individual, and as the president of Living Springs Institute, on my stance that the homosexual lifestyle is wrong according to God's Word. Thus, I will also stand strong on my opposition to our government recognizing gay unions as "marriage." That being said, the issue with Chick-fil-A is not really about taking the stand I just stated, it's about donating money to organizations which are fighting to see that traditional values not be wiped out. If you believe the struggle in this country and around the world is simply about tolerance of "alternative lifestyles," this attack on Chick-fil-A should be the evidence anyone needs to wake up and see what is truly going on! The issue at hand is not about tolerance or even acceptance of "alternative lifestyles" as much as it is about losing the freedom to live in those traditional ways, which according to God's Word are the ways of righteousness! (Rev. 13:11-18)

To be clear on what is going on, I have included links to a few articles at the end of this letter which discuss the controversy. I encourage you to take a moment and read at least the first two of these articles. I also pray you will join me and thousands of others in supporting Chick-fil-A, by simply stopping by your local Chick-fil-A restaurant and making a purchase. In fact, to make the point clear that there are many who still support traditional family values and value companies which do the same, August 1st has been designated "Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day." Please mark the date, and stop by for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or just to pick up a cold drink! If you'd like to make a commitment to this event, Mike Huckabee has set up a specific page on his website for that purpose at:

<http://www.mikehuckabee.com/supportchickfila>

If you're a Facebook user, you may also visit Chick-fil-A's Facebook page and leave a comment of your support at:

<http://www.facebook.com/Chickfila>

If any Chick-fil-A restaurant is forced to stop selling their products, let it be because they were overwhelmed with the patronage of those who support traditional values until they ran out of product! Thank you, and may God bless all those who hold fast to Him!

Sincerely,
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