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Remarks at a Community Picnic in Brookville, Ohio

July 24, 1992

Thank you very, very much. Hey, listen, thanks for that warm Brookville welcome, and thanks for inviting me to this great picnic. My thanks to the Brookville High School Band, pressed into service out of school, but playing well.

May I salute Ohio's Governor, Governor Voinovich, an old friend doing a great job for this State, and our Lieutenant Governor, Mike DeWine, an old friend of mine and of Barbara's, he and his Fran. We want to see him win this year. Mayor Duncan, may I thank you, sir, and your wonderful family for making us feel so welcome and salute all the present and future legislators.

I see a sign back here that I agree with: "Let's Change Control of the United States Congress." Let's change that Congress.

May I salute a man I just threw a horseshoe with, Cloyce Copley, 97 years old. Boy, I hope I'm like that when I'm 97, and I bet the rest of you do, too.

Let me just start by a comment about the world we live in, particularly seeing these children here. We have changed, literally since I have become President, we have changed the world. Now we want to use that leadership to make things better in the United States of America. Just think of it: The Soviet Union and Soviet communism are no more. The Berlin Wall is down. Ancient enemies are talking to each other in the Middle East, and we're going to move peace forward in that area. Democracy is on the move in Latin America. And these young kids go to sleep at night without the same fear of nuclear weapons that their parents had. That is fantastic for the United States of America.

It's a new world, and it's a fantastic challenge in it. When we kicked, with the help of many young men and women here, kicked Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait, we said, "Ag-

gression will not stand." That is an important principle.

So you couldn't tell it from listening to the Democratic Convention, which I was spared because I was fishing in Wyoming, but I might say, foreign affairs and the national security of this country are still important. We still don't know what's going to crop up in the terrorist field or some unpredictable enemy. As long as I am President I will keep the United States of America strong and number one. We cannot forget that.

So the question now comes: With the help of the American people we have changed the world; it is a more peaceful world. Now let us take that involvement with the world to make us the most competitive Nation on the face of the Earth. Let's change things.

That's why I am running for reelection. We've changed the world; now help me change America for the better: education, winning the battle against drugs, driving criminals out of our communities. We can do it if we pull together.

But I think it's particularly appropriate here at this marvelous community celebration to think about another threat, another threat facing us more dangerous than a missile. I'm talking about the breakdown of the American family. Here today we see it strong, and I want to protect it and help strengthen it.

The opposition would have you believe that family values is merely a slogan. I don't look at it that way at all. I don't believe that. Here's what Ruth Dittmer Ream of Brookville said, here's her poem: "Describe a world short on hope where there is so much pain, how can we mend the golden thread to weave our dreams again?" We can mend that thread, but we have got to find ways to strengthen the traditional American family.

You see, I have a different approach than the opponents. I believe the family can do things no Government program can do. Let's

take a look at Brookville and share it with the rest of this great country of ours. Where would you find a Government program that would guarantee that Brookville High School would have a 95-percent attendance record? Government cannot do that. Family can. Where would you find a Government program that motivates six of your best and brightest to earn perfect grade scores, and the class of '92 right here in Brookville to earn more than a quarter of a million dollars in college scholarships? Now, Government cannot do that, but the family can if they help those kids.

Let me give you an example. Where would you find a Government program to teach and shape a good, solid young man like Derek Brown, who can become a national merit scholar? Government alone can't; they can help, but they cannot do it, and his family can. Your families can.

So let the other side ridicule family values. I'm talking about work, responsibility, loving thy neighbor, respect for the Creator. Family teaches us right from wrong and discipline, and it teaches us kindness, too. So let me tell you how I want to see the Government help in strengthening the traditional American family.

Here we are. It's expensive to raise a family today. I believe the Government can help ease that burden. Yesterday I signed a law expanding financial aid to students, young and old, not just the poor but also the middle class who are desperately strapped by economic times. We did this so that your son and daughter can go to college and chase a dream. Parents who want to go back to college and finish the degree, even if it has to be one course at a time, you all deserve our support. This legislation will help give you that support.

Let me tell you another area. What about the young children of working parents who need quality day care? I have fought for an important new effort to help assist the working parents, and I stood for principle against those who said that only Government-sponsored day care will do. It will not. I ask what's wrong with day care in an aunt's house or even in a church? Today I am pleased to announce that we are issuing the first regulations implementing historic child care legisla-

tion guaranteeing that parents who get Federal help in paying for child care will get the kind of care they choose. It is not the Government to tell them. You see, it is my belief that the fathers and mothers know best how to care for these kids and should have a choice in how child care works when it comes to the kids.

I also believe that same principle of choice ought to apply to our schools. When I got out of the service they had the GI bill. It didn't say what school you had to go to. It said you could go to any one, religious, private, or public school. I now have the "GI bill" for children that permits just that, giving the parents choice in where their kids go to school.

There are other ideas. This economy has been sluggish. I have had incentives to get this economy moving, and the Congress, thinking those same old thoughts, refused to think new ones. I'd like to see a \$5,000 tax credit to help young families share in the American dream and buy their first home. Get the Congress to pass that.

I want the families to be able to use their IRA's without penalty for unexpected health care costs. Get the Congress to get off its—get the job done.

We know that in recent years the number of single-parent families have exploded. Half the kids in single-parent homes live in poverty, 5 times the rate of others. Well, the Berlin Wall crumbled. Russians trooped to the polls. The Poles opened a new stock exchange. We got all these things going, but we need to help these children and help these families. That's what this program is all about.

One last point, and then we'll let you get back to having some fun, one last point. When I talk about change, take a look at one institution that has not changed in the last few years. Presidents come and go, different parties have come and gone, but look at the United States Congress. One party has controlled the House of Representatives for 36 years. The result: They can't run a little tiny post office, and they can't do anything but screw up a bank. So if you want to get done what I know you do, getting this balanced budget amendment, if you want that line-item veto, if you want to help me move this

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There's another point. Terms of Presidents are limited. What's wrong with limiting the terms of some of these old geezers that have been there forever?

Let that new ticket talk about change, and I'll lay my record up against them any single day for constructive change for the United States. We have changed the world; now help me constructively change the United States of America.

Thank you all, and God bless you. Thank you very much.

Note: The President spoke at 1 p.m. in Golden Gate Park. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

Remarks in a Roundtable Discussion on Families in Columbia, Missouri July 24, 1992

The President. Well, Governor, all yours, sir.

Governor John Ashcroft. Well, President Bush, the members of the National Commission on Urban American Families and these Missouri families, we're all pleased to be here with you this afternoon. I'm delighted to welcome you back to Missouri, to welcome the Commission to Missouri. I'm pleased that these families are here to share their unique stories of work, their commitment, the kind of intensity and industry that's needed to build strong families and hold them together.

We thank you for making families a priority, Mr. President. Until you became the spokesperson who was emphasizing families, I think families were becoming America's forgotten people. But thanks to your care and concern, Americans are turning towards home, and we think that's very important.

Your Commission is working aggressively to fulfill our mission as outlined in your Executive order. In the 77 days since we received our charter, we've worked hard to find out what can be done to strengthen families. We've been in Oakland and San Francisco in California, and Minneapolis in Minnesota, in Dallas in Texas, and Washington, DC. And

just yesterday, we visited a place that, well, you're very concerned about; we were in south central Los Angeles. In the coming months, we'll also be hearing from families and experts in New York and Chicago and Knoxville. Mr. President, your Commission is a hardworking one.

The President. I might interrupt to say thank you to the Commission members. Some of them came a long, long way, the Governor was telling me, and others have a long way to go in returning home. But thank you for what you're doing. And please tell the others I'm very, very grateful, anxious to hear. But excuse the interruption.

Governor Ashcroft. No, that's quite all right. We've heard from a wide variety of people from the academic, public officials, policy analysts, activists, but most of all, we've heard from families in every area. In city after city, we've heard them tell us that the troubling concerns about the condition of family life in America are broadly held. They're shared concerns. People understand that families indeed are in trouble, and when we have troubled families, that makes for troubled neighborhoods. Families are telling us that society is somehow polluting or contaminating the family atmosphere. Analysts see the trend of family decline as part of a cultural shift in our society away from valuing family and community in favor of emphasizing self-indulgence.

Our statistics that we're developing indicate that family decline is a problem that's common to all Americans, black, white, rich, as well as poor. Family breakdown shatters lives whether it's in the affluent suburbs or in—hurts the children in small towns as well as large cities.

But we're also hearing that people have hope. Many are filled with optimism and are relearning the value and strength that can be found in support of American families. We're discovering that America is blessed with good volunteers, people who have great spirit and tremendous heart and are tremendously committed to sharing. There are professionals who are dedicated to helping as well.

So, Mr. President, we thank you for meeting with us, and we thank you for caring deeply about America's families. We'd invite

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YESTERDAY I SIGNED A LAW EXPANDING FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS YOUNG AND OLD. NOT JUST THE POOR ... BUT ALSO MIDDLE CLASS FAMILIES. THOSE OF YOU WHO SKIP THE VACATION OR DRIVE THE OLD CLUNKER ... SO THAT YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER CAN GO TO COLLEGE AND CHASE A DREAM. PARENTS -- WHO WANT TO GO BACK TO COLLEGE AND FINISH THAT DEGREE -- EVEN IF IT HAS TO BE ONE COURSE AT A TIME. YOU ALL DESERVE SUPPORT. //

WHAT ABOUT THE YOUNG CHILDREN ... WITH WORKING PARENTS ... WHO NEED QUALITY DAY CARE? I HAVE FOUGHT FOR AN IMPORTANT NEW EFFORT TO HELP ASSIST THESE WORKING PARENTS. I STOOD FOR PRINCIPLE, AGAINST THOSE WHO SAID THAT ONLY GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED DAY CARE WILL DO.

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I ASKED: WHAT'S WRONG WITH DAY CARE IN AN AUNT'S HOUSE ... OR EVEN A CHURCH? TODAY I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE ARE ISSUING THE FIRST REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING HISTORIC CHILD CARE LEGISLATION. FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE WILL GUARANTEE THAT PARENTS WHO GET FEDERAL HELP IN PAYING FOR CHILD CARE WILL GET CARE WHERE THEY CHOOSE ... NOT WHERE THE GOVERNMENT TELL THEM. WHEN IT COMES TO DECIDING WHO CARES FOR OUR CHILDREN ... FATHER AND MOTHER REALLY DO KNOW BEST.//

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CHOICE IS THE HALLMARK OF OUR FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. I BELIEVE THE SAME PRINCIPLE OUGHT TO APPLY TO OUR SCHOOLS. IF WE HAVE THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE THE KIND OF WOOD WE USE TO BUILD OUR HOMES ... SHOULDN'T WE BE FREE TO CHOOSE THE KIND OF SCHOOL OUR KIDS USE TO BUILD THEIR DREAMS?

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SO I BELIEVE IN A "GI BILL FOR CHILDREN" ... TO
GIVE LOW-TO-MIDDLE INCOME PARENTS A THOUSAND DOLLARS TO
HELP SEND THEIR CHILD TO THE BEST SCHOOL THEY CAN FIND.
WHETHER IT'S A PUBLIC SCHOOL, A PRIVATE SCHOOL OR A
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OUR FAMILIES WHO ARE POOR OR STRUGGLING POSE AN ESPECIALLY DAUNTING CHALLENGE. WE KNOW THAT IN RECENT YEARS ... THE NUMBER OF SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES HAS EXPLODED. ABOUT HALF THE CHILDREN IN SINGLE PARENT HOMES LIVE IN POVERTY ... FIVE TIMES THE RATES OF OTHER CHILDREN.

OUR NATION AND OUR CHILDREN ... CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE THE FUTURE. SO I BELIEVE IT'S HIGH TIME WE CHANGED OUR SYSTEM TO REWARD WORK ... NOT WELFARE. IT'S TIME TO GIVE THESE FAMILIES AN INCENTIVE NOT TO FALL APART ... BUT TO STICK TOGETHER.

THESE ARE THE ECONOMIC IDEAS I AM ADVANCING TO PROTECT THE FAMILY. BUT THERE ARE OTHER PRESSURES ... MORE SUBTLE ... THAT TEAR AT THE FABRIC OF THIS INSTITUTION.

DRUGS CAN SAP THE VITALITY FROM A YOUNG PERSON. WE HAVE FOUGHT DRUGS WITH MORE COPS ON OUR STREETS ... AND MORE CONCERN IN OUR CLASSROOMS. WE HAVE BROUGHT DRUG USE DOWN ... BUT IT MUST FALL FURTHER. I SAY THAT IF DRUG KINGPINS PREY FOR PROFIT ON OUR CHILDREN ... THEY DESERVE THE DEATH PENALTY.

AND WHAT ABOUT DADS ... WHO LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN STRANDED, WITHOUT SUPPORT? WE HAVE PASSED LANDMARK LEGISLATION THAT SAYS TO DEADBEAT DADS ... "WE WILL FIND YOU ... AND WE WILL MAKE YOU PAY." //

I REMEMBER A STORY ABOUT A SMALL BOY ON HIS KNEES ONE NIGHT AT BEDTIME. AND HE SAID ... "OH LORD, PLEASE BLESS MOTHER AND DADDY, AND BROTHER AND SISTER.

AND BY THE WAY, GOD, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, BECAUSE IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO YOU ... WE'RE ALL SUNK!" AS A NATION WE WILL SINK IF OUR FAMILIES CANNOT TAKE THEIR STRENGTH FROM ABOVE. AND THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE WE NEED A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ... TO PERMIT VOLUNTARY PRAYERS IN OUR SCHOOLS.//

THESE ARE THE IDEAS I AM PROPOSING TO COMBAT OUR NEW NUCLEAR THREAT ... THE EROSION OF THE NUCLEAR FAMILY. / NOT ALL OF THESE IDEAS ARE POPULAR IN WASHINGTON. WHILE THEY PROTECT OLD VALUES ... THEY DO SO IN BOLD AND ORIGINAL WAYS. YET ... WITH YOUR SUPPORT ... YOUR COMMITMENT ... I WILL CONTINUE THE FIGHT. IT WOULD HELP A GREAT DEAL IF YOU'D SEND ME A REPUBLICAN CONGRESS ... PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE THAT THE FAMILY IS NOT JUST A SLOGAN ... BUT SOMETHING WORTH FIGHTING FOR.//

CAN AMERICA COMPETE IN THE NEW WORLD WE FACE TODAY?
I BELIEVE WE CAN. I BELIEVE OUR FUTURE HAS NEVER BEEN
BRIGHTER. BUT ONLY IF WE UNDERSTAND THE LIMITS OF
GOVERNMENT ... AND THE POWER OF FAMILIES.

WE CAN CREATE BYZANTINE BUREAUCRACIES ALONG THE
POTOMAC ... WE CAN POUR BILLIONS OF YOUR TAX DOLLARS
INTO GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS ... BUT WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE
TO REPLICATE THE ENDURING POWER OF A LOVING MOM AND
DAD. YOU KNOW THAT HERE IN BROOKVILLE.

AND TODAY ... I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN TAKING THIS
CRUSADE TO EVERY CORNER OF OUR NATION.

TO SPREAD THE WORD FAR AND WIDE ... THAT THE ONLY
WAY TO KEEP AMERICA FIRST ... IS TO PUT THE FAMILY
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DATE: 7/23/92 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: ---

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SUBJECT: _____

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REMARKS:

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RESPONSE:

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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH -- WOULD WORK FOR POTUS TO SAY GIVE ME
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REMARKS:

See 2000-see 25

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RESPONSE:

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NSC concurs with changes as noted.

Brent Scowcroft
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cc: Phillip Brady

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Presidential Remarks: Brookville Community Picnic
Brookville, Ohio
Friday, July 24, 1992

Thank you for that warm Brookville welcome ... and thanks for inviting me to this year's picnic. *And thanks, Mayor Duncan and Brookville Town Council, for making this George Bush Day.*

(Acknowledgements) *(Pg. 7)*
~~(1) Brookville High School~~ (2) *Lolaist - Shanon*
Henry (3) *Bard* (4) *Civic Clubs - Rotary, Kiwanis, Optimists* (5) *Chamber of Commerce* (6) *Delta Theta Tau* (7) *VFW-American Legion* (8) *4H*

I've had a lot of fun today. I love the chance to eat a little food ... play a little baseball ... and get to know the legendary Cloyce Copley. Cloyce may be the northern side of 90 ... but he can still throw a mean horseshoe.//

I was told that the most popular booth here is the "Waffle Trailer." I asked somebody: "what is a waffle trailer?" ... and they told me about those delicious deep fried snowflakes.

Personally, I always thought (Peters)
~~I was worried that a "waffle-trailer" is what you call six~~
politicians in a truck with aluminum siding.//

I know you're having a lot of fun today at this picnic ... but I'd like you to reflect for a few moments ... on where our great nation stands today.

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* because they are predicting bad instead
of good. (Gray)
have not been good (Smith)

The past four years ~~have been a crummy time~~ for the world's
fortune tellers. Month after month ... day after day ... events
occurred that busted all the crystal balls.

and the world's naysayers. (Gray)

The Berlin Wall crumbled. Russians trooped to the polls.
Hungarians heard the unmistakable ring of a stock exchange
opening.

The Cold War is over. After four decades of sacrifice ...
four decades of selfless commitment to our democratic ideals ...
the world has said in unison: "We'd rather go the way of the
good ole "U.S.A."

What does it mean for us? Well when your kids and
grandkids go to bed tonight ... they can think about the name of
the first crush they carved in these old beech trees ... or the
start of football "two-a-days." But they don't have to worry
about nuclear weapons.

X You may not know it from watching the nightly news, but
A The world is safer than it was a decade ago. Safer than it
was a year ago. Safer than it was even a month ago ... before I
sat down with Boris Yeltsin and cut those nuclear weapons. That's
something that somehow escaped the evening news. (Smith)

Andy Weaver, I sure could use your
extemporaneous speaking skills to tell about
how all this makes me feel.

This new world poses huge challenges. Our economy is undergoing wrenching change ... as we adjust to a world in which so many nations are now playing our game.

Can we compete? I believe we can. But it's going to require some changes in America.

That's why I'm running for re-election. We have changed the world ... and now I believe we can change America. Change by taking us back to some enduring values ... so that we can build a stronger and better future.

I'm concerned about a new nuclear threat facing our country today ... a threat more dangerous than any missile or submarine ... I'm taking about the breakdown of the nuclear family.

Some say that "family values" is merely a slogan ... a rhetorical sweatshirt that politicians pull over their heads every four years.

I'm sorry ... but I just don't agree.

On the way here ... I had the pleasure of reading one of the beautiful poems by your Ruth Dittmer Ream. She wrote about a world "short on hope ... where there is so much pain."

Ruth asked ... "how can we mend the 'golden thread' ... to weave our dreams again?"

Well ... I see the family as our "golden thread." The center of our lives ... the glue that holds us together. I believe that family can do things that no government program ever can.

Look right here in this community.

Where would you find a government program ... that would guarantee that your senior class ... would have a 95 percent attendance record?

Government can't do it ... but family can.

Where would you find a government program ... that motivates six of your best and brightest to earn perfect Grade Point averages ... and earn a quarter of a million dollars in college scholarships?

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Where would you find a government program ... to teach and shape a good, solid young man like Derek Brown ... who can earn a national merit scholarship?

Government can't do it ... but Derek's mom and dad can.

Family teaches us simple values ... work and responsibility ... to love thy neighbor and respect our creator.

Families can do things that government should never even try. But government must try ... to keep our families together.

It's expensive to raise a family today. You know that.

I believe government can help ease the burden.

Yesterday I signed a law expanding financial aid available to young families.

Not just the poor ... but also middle class families. Those of you who skip the vacation or drive the old clunker ... so that your son or daughter can go to college and chase a dream. You deserve support.//

What about the young children ... with working parents ... who need quality day care?

Last year I fought for an important new effort to help assist these families. I stood for principle, against those who said that only government-sponsored day care deserves support.

I asked: what's wrong with day care in an aunt's house ... or even a church? When it comes to deciding who cares for children ... let's not let bureaucrats decide ... father and mother really do know best.//

Choice is the hallmark of our free enterprise system.

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These are some of the ideas I have been fighting for. There are others. Like a \$5,000 tax credit ... to help young families can buy their first home. I want families to be able to use their IRA's ... for unexpected health care costs. *Your Brookville Dollars are great for some things, but for others — it takes cold hard cash.*

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We know that in recent years ... the number of single-parent families has exploded. *about (comp)* And ~~fully~~ half the children in single parent homes live in poverty ... five times the rates of other children.

Our nation and our children ... cannot afford to lose the future. So I believe it's high time we changed our system to reward work ... not welfare. It's time to give these families an incentive not to fall apart ... but to stick together.

These are the economic ideas I am advancing to protect the family. But there are other pressures ... more subtle ... that tear at the fabric of this institution. *Like Bob Foy, the old Bluebird says ... we have to give kids a break ... they aren't grown-ups yet.*

Drugs can sap the vitality from a young person. We have fought drugs with more cops on our streets ... and more concern in our classrooms. We have brought drug use down ... but it must fall further. I say that if drug kingpins prey for profit on our children ... they should face a federal death penalty. *Congress says no. (Peters)*

And what of dads ... who leave their children without support? We have passed landmark legislation that says to deadbeat dads ... "we will find you ... and we will make you pay." //

I remember a story about a small boy on his knees one night at bedtime. And he said ... "oh Lord, God bless mother and daddy, and brother and sister. And by the way, God, take care of yourself, because if anything happens to you ... we're all sunk!"

As a nation we will sink if our families cannot take their strength from above. And that's why I believe we need a constitutional amendment ... to permit voluntary prayers in our schools.//

These are the ideas I am proposing to combat our new nuclear threat ... the erosion of nuclear family. Not all of them are popular in Washington. While they protect old values ... they do so in bold and original ways.

Yet ... with your support ... your commitment ... I will continue the fight. It would help a great deal if you'd send me a Republican Congress ... people who believe that the family is not just a slogan ... but something worth fighting for.//

Can America compete in the new world we face today? I believe we can. I believe our future has never been brighter.

But only if we understand the limits of government ... and the power of families.

We can create byzantine bureaucracies along the Potomac ... we can pour billions of your tax dollars into government programs ... but we will never be able to replicate the enduring power of a loving, mom and dad.

You know that here in Brookville. And today ... I ask you to join me in taking this crusade to every corner of our nation.

To spread the word far and wide ... that the only way to keep America first ... is to put the family first.

Thank you. God bless Brookville ... and God bless the United States of America.

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