



**Concerned Women for America  
Press Statement  
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Rally for Marriage  
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There can be no doubt that America and the state of Maryland have been richly blessed throughout our history. And I hope we can all recognize that those blessings did not come in the abstract. They are the direct result of policies that found their underpinning in the teachings of Christ.

Our Founders recognized that. World-renowned historian Alexis de Tocqueville noticed as much in his *Democracy in America*. He wrote:

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers — and it was not there ... in her fertile fields and boundless forests and it was not there ... in her rich mines and her vast world commerce — and it was not there ... in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution — and it was not there. **Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power.** America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, she will cease to be great. (Emphasis mine)

It is a simple calculation. We cannot expect to receive the same blessings we have in the past if we enact polices that go directly against the ones that brought us the blessings in the first place.

Those policies unquestionably include our respect and support of the marriage bond. Here is what de Tocqueville wrote:

Certainly of all countries in the world, America is the one in which the marriage tie is most respected and where the highest and truest conception of conjugal happiness has been conceived.

We stand here today in support of those blessings and that happiness, asking our elected representatives to stop meddling with the foundations that have sustained us for so long.

Strong marriages produce strong families; strong families produce strong communities; strong communities produce strong states; and strong states give us a strong nation.