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January 10, 2008

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the undersigned groups and individuals we write to you in support of Scott Bloch, Special Counsel at the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC). As you may recall early in 2004 Special Counsel Bloch removed the President Clinton-era interpretation on civil rights and replaced it with the actual Title VII law. The Clinton policy, with no regard to congressionally approved statutes, added "sexual orientation" to the list of protected classes of race, color, religion, sex and national origin.

For this act of faithfully upholding the rule of law, Mr. Bloch has been and continues to be attacked personally and professionally by activist groups and certain Members of Congress. Mr. Bloch's compliance with the law has drawn harsh criticism from your political opponents and resulted in retaliatory investigations, including the ongoing investigation by the Inspector General of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). Of immediate concern are some apparent conflicts of interest with OPM handling the investigation.

Additional concerns are raised by H.R.4047, the Private Sector Whistleblower Protection Streamlining Act of 2007. This bill seeks to codify the regulations unlawfully changed during the Clinton Administration. Such a change would apply regulations in the federal government similar to the regulations required for private businesses in the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which your Administration opposed. Signing H.R. 4047 into law would result in weakening the well argued points in your Administrations Statement of Administration Policy issued on October 23, 2007.

Now that Mr. Bloch has come under attack for complying with Administration policy and upholding federal law, we ask that you take action to protect Scott Bloch from further harassment so that he might continue to faithfully serve you and the American public. We would also ask that your administration oppose changes to current law, as seen in H.R. 4047, affecting the U.S. Office of Special Counsel

We are most sincere in this request and hope you will give it immediate attention. Thank you and God bless you as you lead the nation.

Sincerely,

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Family Research Council

Dr. James Dobson, Founder and Chairman
Focus on the Family

Paul M. Weyrich, National Chairman
Coalitions for America

Gary Glenn, President
American Family Association of Michigan

Gary Bauer, President
American Values

Dr. Keith Wiebe, President
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