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Annette Huffman
725 W. Nance
Lincoln, NE 68521
October 12, 1981

Mr. Martin Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Sir,

I am a student at a Christian school in Nebraska, and I am very concerned about the future preservation of our religious liberties in this state. I enjoy going to a Christian school, and I also believe it is God's command that I go to a Christian school that is free from state control. The state of Nebraska is even now trying to get control of our schools.

I am writing this letter to ask your support for Nebraska LB472-A without the sunset clause. This bill, with the sunset clause, would only allow our Christian schools in Nebraska to operate freely until the end of the coming legislative session. This is

not enough! We need freedom forever, and not just for a short time, so please support Nebraska LB472-A without the sunset clause.

In supporting this bill, you will be supporting the cause of freedom.

I will be praying for you.

Sincerely,
Annette Huffman

— Nancy Ahlmann
Chadron, Ne. 69337
Oct. 15, 1981

Mr. Martin Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Whitehouse
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I am writing in regards to the Christian School issue across the Country and especially in our state of Nebraska. As you are probably aware, there is a church in Louisville, Nebraska, that has been padlocked for operating a non-approved Christian School. Our church, too, has a non-approved Christian School. It is not because we cannot be approved, but our people have the God-given conviction that God's institution, the Church, should not be controlled by the state. We believe that our

school is an integral part of our Church and that to have our school approved or licensed would mean that the state was approving or licensing our church.

As Bible-believing churches in the state we have worked along with the people at Louisville as they've gone through the court system and even to the U. S. Supreme Court. Here their case was rejected because the judges didn't feel this was in their jurisdiction. We feel this was very unfair and is a Constitutional issue because their 1st Amendment rights are being infringed upon.

As special assistant to the President, will you please thank him for the support he has given to Christian Schools we really do appreciate him and his uncompromising stand. Also

please convey what has happened in our State, and if there's anything he could do, we would certainly appreciate it. Tell President Reagan to continue to support Christian Education because it is the only hope for our country.

Thank-you for your help in getting this message to the President.

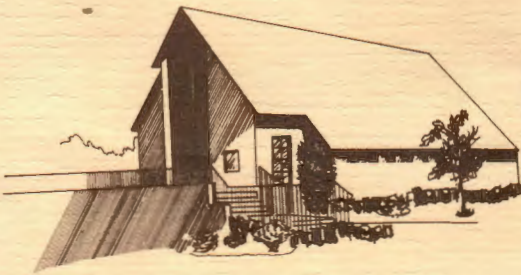
Sincerely yours,

Nancy Ahlmann

Nancy Ahlmann
Box 1084
Chadron, Ne. 69337



Mr. Martin Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Whitehouse
Washington D.C. 20500



Fort Collins Christian Center

516 Crestmore Place • Fort Collins, Colorado 80521 • Phone (303) 484-3494
Richard B. Rhodes, Pastor

October 13, 1981

Mr. Martin Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

Concerning the forcible closing of Faith Baptist Church in
Louisville, Nebraska.

The church, which operates a school ministry concomitant and
colocated with other church ministries, has been padlocked by
the County Sheriff, because the pastor refuses to comply with
arbitrary State School Board regulations.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the case this fall, so
our only hope is that you will bring this to President Reagan's
attention for some Chief Executive Interest.

Please help: we need to preserve our First Amendment Rights
to the free expression of worship wherever they are in jeopardy.

Sincerely,

John E. Dubler
Pastor

JED/jh

"Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."

-Psalm 2:12

Sat. morn
Oct. 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Blackwell
Special Assist of the Pres. of the U.S.
We were thoroughly very sorry
to hear of the happenings at the A.C.E.
school at the Faith Baptist Church
of Loupville, Nebr.

We do live in a free country, and
are to worship as we please.
Just that nothing else like that
will happen.

May you do all in your power
to keep it free.

God Bless our Leaders much.

Sincerely

Mr. Mrs. G.C. Jandlett

1331 S.E. Mill

Roseburg

Ore. 97470

MEISTER DAIRY FARM

Box 1044

CHADRON, NEBRASKA 69337

Desire the Milk of the WORD

Dawn Meister
10/16/81

Mr. Martin Blackwell
Special Assnt. to the President
Whitehouse
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

I'm writing as a concerned citizen of this great Country, housewife and soon to be mother. About the School Bill-LB472-A (in Nebraska), I think it would work for the schools to give the information the state wants academically, and the parents being responsible that the children are going to school regularly. In the Bible, God told us that the parents are responsible for their children's education. This is found in: Deuteronomy 6:4-7, Ephesians 6:4, Proverbs 22:6 and Psalms 18:4. The government schools use to be all right, they did teach the Bible and had Bible principles but now the Bible isn't taught or not even used as a text book and the Bible principles are gone. So, if I'm responsible for my child's education, I can't send them to government schools, they don't teach what I believe and the Bible principles. This is found in the Bible: II Corinthians 6:14-18.

I've worked in a Christian school and enjoyed it very much and enjoyed what was being taught, it was based on the Bible and that's where I want my children to go to school. I don't see anything wrong with it.

MEISTER DAIRY FARM

Box 1044

CHADRON, NEBRASKA 69337

Desire the Milk of the WORD

I want the best education possible for my children! So, I don't see any problem with having unapproved Christian schools with this Bill-LB 472-A.

I hope you will really think about this matter. Our children's lives and this great Country are at stake. Please try and help! Churches are being locked up here in Nebraska! I will be praying for you.

Thank You,

Dawn Meister

Rudd, Iowa
Oct. 19, 1981

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

Please use your influence, so good laws will continue to keep our religious freedom as guaranteed by the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The ^{Faith} First Baptist Church in Louisville, Nebraska is not allowed to exercise religious freedom in their church work. The Church (Calvary) in Charles City, Iowa is also restricted in this freedom.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ray Melcher

Mrs. Ray Melcher
R. 2 Box 6
Rudd, Iowa
50471



Mr. Martin Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Whitehouse
Washington, D.C. 20506

Edward F Jones
2347 Dahlen Ave
Trenton, Mo
47805

Mr Blackwell,

I hope you will do every thing possible
To prevent closing of any further Church Schools
That do not have license.

I do not believe you should have a
license To worship God or for Gods
people To Teach in there own Schools.

Im referring To closing the Faith Baptist Church
in Hainsville Nebraska for operating a school.

This is an act of Communism is my way of
thinking. America stands for Gods its
Churches & Schools I hope you do To.

Yours Truly,

Ed Jones
2347 Dahlen Ave
Trenton, Mo 47805

"He that hath the Son hath life."
—1 John 5:12

10-12-81

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

I am writing you from
Omaha Nebraska regarding the
closing & locking of the church
& school in Louisville Mo.

As a parent we have the
freedom in America to raise
our children to serve first God
then our country. I'm proud
to be an American. And I
hate to see a issue of closing
a church ever to happen in
our wonderful country. They
say the communist close
churches all the time and we
are like them by closing our
church. American's here in
the U.S. will never know
what the people over there
are going through to love & serve
the Lord. We have more freedom
than people realize. They ~~take~~
take them for granted. So when

"He that hath the Son hath life."
—1 John 5:12

something like closing our church schools because they won't get licensed, they say we are breaking the law. We are doing what God's law is telling us to do.

I pray for you and your family. And I pray you do all you can to help us and other schools to have the freedoms we were founded on to love our school.

Respectfully Yours,

Mrs. Patricia Kell
Omaha, Neb.

P.S. What they did is wrong.

Patricia Kelso
4234 Marcy
Omaha, Neb.,
68105



Mr. Martin Blackwell

Special Assistant to the President

White House

Washington D.C.

Personal

20500

Oct. 5th 1981

Dear Mr. President,

I have just returned from
A.C.C. Convention, and have
been made aware by Dr. Little,
of the Christian Lawyers
Association, of the locked
doors on a house of God in
Louisville, Nebraska. It is
against our Constitutional
rights, because it states
in the first paragraph of the
Constitution of America that
Government must not interfere
with religion. We have the
right to raise our children
in our faith. That is how
Jesus tells us to raise up
our children. His word is
truth and I know you
believe it. You know we
as Christians believe in

you, and Jesus you will do
 the right thing in the course
 I pray that you issued seek
 the Lord on this act of my
 notice along with many
 others and and He will surely
 give you instructions on how
 to handle the situation. There is
 a lady in the state Dept in hel
 make by the name of Ann
 Campbell who is responsible for
 quite a lot of this action. I
 would like for you to check into
 this matter for it is for the
 benefit of many Christians
 and many Christians schools.
 It is our belief that is being
 affected by this act of injustice.
 Our prayers are with you daily.
 Trusting that you will do what's right.
 Love in Christ
 James Kays
 South Jones Christian School
 7782 Moody & Road
 Cottonwood, Ore. 97124
 Member

The Church I am referring
to is

Faith Baptist Church

Louisville, Nebraska - 68501

Pastored by Everett ~~J. Silven~~ Silven

It is in regards to a
Christian School being held
in his Church.

Thank you.

Kim Herrington
940 Judson
Lincoln Nebr.
Oct. 12, 1981

Mr. Martin Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
White House, Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am a student from a Christian school. I really like it alot. It really means something to me to be able to go to a Christian school where I can grow up the way God wants me to.

I hope you will support Nebr. LB 472-A, without the sunset Clause. The sunset Clause is not a solution to our problem. We are praying for you.

Respectfully yours,
Kim Herrington

Omaha, Ne.

10-16-81

Mr. Martin Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Whitehouse
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir,

I'm writing this letter to express my opinion on the situation involving the Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Ne. It seems that everyone is upset because Pastor Silven refuses to have his teachers certified by the state. I feel that the real issue here should be whether the children attending the school are getting a quality education or not. People are saying that's not the point but that Pastor Silven is breaking the law. My question is who's law? Certainly not God's law. The bible tells us that the church belongs to God. Baptist schools are an integral part of their church. These churches are willing to give the government any necessary data requested to insure the children are receiving a proper education. I would like to extend an invitation to you to visit a Christian school and judge the education for yourself. I feel that these schools are harming no one and I ask that legislation be provided to give these "church schools" the freedom they were guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution.

Cordially,
Michael J. McQueen

Michael J. McQueen
5056 Grover #2
Omaha, Ne. 68106



Mr. Martin Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
White house
Washington, D.C. 20500

Oct. 12, 1981
Whitehouse
Washington DC.

Dear President,

I am a student
of a private school.
I am writing in
concern for the private
school in Nebraska.

I understand it has
been closed up.

I am hoping that you
will do something about
this problem and will
help to get it opened
again. I believe that
if we keep our private
schools open, that it
will make a better
country out America.
Thank you for your
concern.

Sincerely,
Luzla Daymon

CALVARY APOSTOLIC ACADEMY

5900 E. YALE AVE.

DENVER, COLORADO 80222

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Thank
You
Letters signed
Morton and Kathryn
and
Sent
12/29/81

November 9, 1981

President Ronald Reagan,

Dear Mrs President,

This letter is concerning Governor Charles Thone of Nebraska closing the Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Nebraska where Pastor Everett Silson has a Christian school in operation for students who are interested in Learning to Live Forever. Your help and support is greatly appreciated in this matter. You must keep your campaign promise to many people.

Sincerely
Mr & Mrs. Everett C. Gill
2866 Sharon Rd
Jarrattsville, Md 21084

33 Winding Woods Way
Pasadena, Maryland 21122
November 27, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

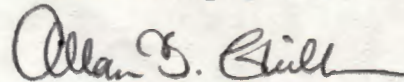
Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Please convey to President Reagan the concerns of myself and my family, regarding the appalling situation ongoing in Louisville, Nebraska since December of last year. As I am sure you know, the Faith Baptist Church has been prevented by state authorities since that time from operating their church school. The building itself has even been padlocked for a time during the week, in order to deny the use of the building for purposes other than Sunday worship. One may expect this sort of suppression of religious freedom by the state in a totalitarian regime such as is found today in Eastern Europe, but it is especially heartbreaking and disturbing to hear of such developments in the United States of America.

It seems to me that Pastor Sileven and his church are operating within their First Amendment rights in setting up and running a church school. To my knowledge there are thousands of churches operating schools all over this country without state interference--just like Pastor Sileven was doing. I simply don't understand why he's been made a target. The implications of this action by authorities in Nebraska, however, go far beyond the boundaries of Louisville. For this very reason, I appeal to the President to take some form of action.

Please advise of the President's position on this matter, as well as any forthcoming action that may be planned. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,



ALLAN B. CHILLA

5012 Courtside Dr.
Imperial, Mo.
63052
Nov. 28, 1981



Dear Mr. Blackwell,
Our public school system
has always been one of
America's greatest assets.
Using forced busing as a
tool for desegregation has
long ago proven to be a
costly mistake. It is
costly in terms of dis-
ruption of communities,
costly in terms of dollars,
and in its effectiveness
in promoting racial
harmony.

Reports show that busing
has been a failure. Forced
busing has not only
failed to improve aca-
demic achievement among

students, but has done
nothing to improve racial
harmony.

One thing forced busing
has achieved is that it
seems to have brought
whites and blacks to-
gether in their opposi-
tion to it.

I urge you to do
everything in your power
to bring an end to this
absurd plan.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Frank Hartmann

C.C. A copy of this letter has
been sent to President
Reagan.

November 20, 1981

Dear Mr. President,

I am a student in an A.C.E. school in Gainesville, Florida. I have heard of the padlocking of Faith Baptist Church and school in Louisville, Nebraska.

This incident is really surprising because we are supposed to have freedom of religion. I would expect as much in a communistic country, but I don't understand something like this in the United States of America.

If this kind of thing were to happen to my church and school, which it very well could, I would fight for my freedom. Since this has happened in the United States, I feel I should write you, the president, and urge you to do your best to right this wrong.

Sincerely yours,
Eddie Parker

Edie Parkes
2010 NW 56th Terrace
Gainesville, Florida
32605



Mr. Merton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Whitehouse
Washington, D.C.
20500



Arnold Christian Academy
A Ministry And Part Of The New Covenant Churches

November 23, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Asst. to the President
Whitehouse
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

Please make known to Mr. Reagan my concerns, along with those of our parents and families, regarding the appalling circumstances in Louisville, Nebraska. As I am sure you know, the Faith Baptist Church has had its doors padlocked for several months. Frankly, sir, this kind of action has the air of a police state, and it is sending chills down the spines of many.

Pastor Sileven and his church are positively operating within their constitutional rights in operating their church school. I might add that there are literally thousands of churches operating schools without state interference as was Pastor Sileven. The implications of this act certainly go far beyond the boundaries of Louisville, Nebraska, and for this reason I implore Mr. Reagan to take some form of action.

Please inform me of forthcoming action. Thank you for your time and help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher R. Peeler".

Christopher R. Peeler
Principal

804 Windsor Road, Arnold, Maryland 21012
301-544-1882

Mrs. Faye Hunt
125 Springville Circle
Darlington, S.C. 29532

Nov. 23, 1981

Att. Mr. Blackwell.

Monday

Dear Mr. President,

I am concerned about an injustice that is taking place in Louiville, Neb. at Faith Baptist Church. The doors are chained and locked, by the State. This Sir, is a transgression of the 1st Amendment to the Constitution of our Great Country. I am praying for you dailey that God would Bless & protect you.

Concerned Citizen in S.C.

In Christ.

(Ms.) Faye Hunt

Ninnescah Bible Baptist Church

Fourth Street at Wood
P. O. Box 576
Clearwater, Kansas 67026

(316) 584-6708

Rev. Ron Pennock, Pastor

December 7, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The Whitehouse
Washington, D. C. 20500

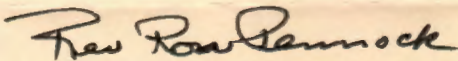
Dear Mr. Blackwell:

We are writing to tell you of our concern because of the attack on the Christian schools in our great country. The recent battle in closing the church doors and Christian school in Louisville, Nebraska, was shocking and saddening.

We are praying for President Reagan in his leadership of our country, and we are asking that he will do everthing within his power to prevent any further attack on our freedom to worship and educate our children in Christian schools.

We appreciate the freedom of our great land, and it concerns us greatly to lose these things which our country was built upon. Let's keep America the greatest land in the world!

Sincerely,



Rev. Ron Pennock

REP:lp

MCB-2

① Students

⑦ **Brockett Baptist Church**

of **BROCKETT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

③ 1983 BROCKETT ROAD • TUCKER, GEORGIA 30084
REV. DON PYE, PASTOR

CHURCH PHONE: 938-5945
SCHOOL PHONE: 938-2709

*Dear Girls +
Boys:*

December 18, 1981

Mr. Ronald Reagan, President
United States of America
c/o: Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant
White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

The enclosed letters were written by some of our students after they were read an article concerning the closing of another Christian School in Louisville, Nebraska.

We know that you profess to be a born-again believer and we would like you to know that we pray for you daily. God has allowed you to be in your position of authority and can and will direct us if we will only seek His will and listen for His direction.

We will continue to pray for you and hope that in some way you will be able to assist the Pastor of Faith Baptist Church, if only in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Don H. Pye

Don H. Pye
Pastor

Gloria D. Bevins
3885 Prentiss Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30034

Mr. Ronald Reagan,
President, United States of America
c/o Mr. Morton Starbuckell,
Special Assistant to The President
White House,
Washington, D.C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

You, Sir, are not the President of the United States because of winning the vote — but! because God above ordained you. He knew He could trust you to discharge the duties of your office to the glory of God the Father.

Mr. President, you are doing a good job — you are proving daily that you are responsible and have the courage of your convictions. For these reasons I wrote this letter —

Sir, please remember that America was founded on the Word of God — People came to these shores so that they could worship and train their children as God would have them to do. Remember, the first textbook was the Bible —

On behalf of Christian families, Christian schools, Christian educators — on behalf of America — put God in His rightful place. — First in Government, Schools. — Please intervene in ordering that the doors of Faith Baptist Church and Christian School in Louisville, Nebraska, to be unlocked — and that the State laws be changed not to interfere with the work of the Church.

I am shocked to learn that in America Church doors are being locked for any reason.

It has been proven over and over that
Christian schools graduate students who
score higher on national achievement tests
than do students in public schools. And,
that is not all - besides academic
achievement, these young people are taught
the Word of God and good citizenship.

Thank you for your time - I am
praying for you and your staff daily -
Please, keep America free - the only
way is to put God first.

In Christ,
Gloria Bevis

Chris Keritzyen
1682 Oak Ridge Cir.
Stone Mountain Ga. 30087
December 1, 1981

Mr. Ronald Reagan, Pres,
United States of America

in care of:

Morton Blackwell
Special Assistance to the
President.

White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,
The Board of
Education has put a lock
on the door of Faith Baptist
Church Christian School in
Louisville, Nebraska. Pastor
EVERETT STEVEN I'm sure feels
bad. Please do what you think
is right. And open the schools
door.

My prayers are with you
always!

Chris
H

Mr. Blackwell
White House
Washington, D.C.
20500

Angella Jones
R.R. 2 - BOX 117
Jennings, OKIA.
74038

Mr. Blackwell,

I am a Cimmaron Christian Academy student and I enjoy going to a Christian school. I heard about the church in Louisville, Nebraska being locked and I hope it doesn't happen to any more schools & churches. We are praying that God will help take the locks off the church's doors in Nebraska. I am praying that you and the rest that believe this way will "Stop" the Government.

Sincerely Yours,
Angella Jones

White House
Washington D.C.

~~White House~~
~~Washington D.C.~~
Ripley, Oklahoma
Box 90 Rt 1

Dear Mr. Morton Blackwell

Special Assistant to President,

I am concerned about the church in Nebraska being shut up. The government has no right to lock the doors on a church and say when they can go to church and when they cannot. There is a freedom of religion in this country and locking up churches takes it away.

Sincerely yours,
Allan Dickre

October 26, 81

Dear Mr. President,

Hello! I am writing you concerning the matter with Pastor Silven of Faith Baptist Church in Lewisville, Nebraska. I understand that their Christian school has been closed by the State Board of Education.

I am from Indiana and am a freshman in a Christian school. I count it a real honor and privilege to worship God and read the Bible as I please. I think the Christian atmosphere of learning builds character and strong minds.

When you were voted in as President many Christians felt that we would have more freedom to worship God, I sincerely hope this is true. I pray that you will do everything in your power to help this school, for what you have decided may affect the state of Indiana also. May God richly bless you!

Sincerely yours,
Jennifer Williams
P.O. Box 19
Carlisle, In.

47838

II Chronicles 7:14 - If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.



REV. F. EDWARD ARTHUR

1544 CANTERBURY DR.
SHELBYVILLE, IN 46176
(317) 392-4831

BIBLE METHODIST CHURCH
1530 S. MILLER ST.
SHELBYVILLE, IN 46176
(317) 398-8716

October 26, 1981

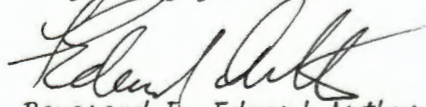
Mr. Martin Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

It has been brought to my attention that a Church in Louisville, Nebraska has been padlocked. This action has been carried out by the Nebraska Department of Education. As I understand it, the issue involved is that Pastor Everett Sileven of the Faith Baptist Church does not have his Christian School licensed by the State.

We believe very strongly in the separation of Church and State. We also have a very firm conviction that it is our Biblical responsibility to educate our children. I urge you to do all within your power to see that this action is reversed. I strongly recommend that unless the Nebraska Department of Education reverses the situation, the Federal Government withhold all Federal Education Funding from Nebraska.

Very truly yours,


Reverend F. Edward Arthur

PRESERVATION COPY

October 27, 1981

Greg and Kathy Moyer
Route 1 Box 62
Pembine, Wi. 54156

Mr. Martin Blackwell
Special Asst. to the President
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

I would like to express my deepest concern over this matter of Church vs. State; namely Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Nebraska. I am very disturbed at the thought of our religious freedom as citizens of the United States of America being taken away. We, the people have a God given right to attend church any day of the week, as well as on Sunday. In my own life, there is not a day in the week that myself or members of my family are not in the house of God. I'm sure you agree with this God given right. I have learned through the media that Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Nebraska has been pad-locked, only to be opened for church on Sunday. This is outrageous! This is in direct violation to what our great country was founded on. I am certain you are not in favor of this ungodly measure. Ann Campbell, Federal Education, is undermining Christian schools across America; she has vowed to close every last one. Are we going to let her do this? Our children are the up-coming leaders of America; we have a responsibility to teach them to be responsible citizens and leaders.

Concerning Christian schools, it is also a God given right to be able to send our children to a school where they will get the best education possible, and to be allowed to worship God at their place of training. We, as parents, are directly responsible to God for the proper training of our children. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it". This is a promise from God. Our forefathers sought God and His word, the Bible, for wisdom in leading our great nation. Our children must not be denied this same freedom. It is not possible to teach my children in Gods' light in a public school where secular humanism is taught. Realizing the difference between a preference and a conviction, this is my conviction.

Mr. Blackwell, God has placed you in a position of authority. I am confident that you will not allow the freedoms of the people in our great nation to be violated any longer. Thousands of people in my area are standing in prayer with Faith Baptist Church (and other Christian schools facing harrassment) and are confident God will have His way in this serious matter.

In Christ,

Mr. + Mrs. Greg Moyer + Family
Mr. and Mrs. Greg Moyer and Family



"THE MURPHY MAN"

JIM JOHNSON

RR 1 BOX 145 - TIPTON, IA. 52772
PHONE (319) 946-2850

October 26, 1981

Mr. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Recently the Supreme Court of these United States refused to hear a case involving the Faith Baptist Church of Louisville, Nebraska, and its pastor, Everett Sileven. This is a tragic mistake, as a constitutional freedom is at stake that will have an affect on every church in America.

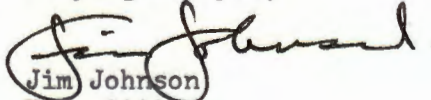
On September 13, of this year the church doors of the Faith Baptist Church of Louisville, Nebraska, were chained shut and padlocked by an official sworn to uphold the Constitution, Cass County Sheriff Fred Tesch. This action was ordered by District Judge Raymond Case. The crime? Conducting a Christian educational ministry without a state license and state certified teachers.

Mr. President, this date of September 13, 1981 will record the darkest and most frightening day in the annals of religious freedom in America. I regret that it has come during the administration of a President I helped elect to office. I see this action as a mar on the record of my President and myself. I believe you to be a man of God, I look for you to prove that true in the next few years.

Sir, here is an opportunity to stand for God and righteousness. Would you please intervene personally in this case and force the Supreme Court to hear this case? The First Amendment to the Constitution and its freedoms hang in the balance.

I will anxiously await your reply to this letter.

Praying for you,


Jim Johnson
U.S. Citizen