

Gary Bauer Picks Ted Cruz for President

Presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) announced Friday he had been endorsed by one of the nation's leading pro-family communicators, Gary Bauer.

Bauer served as under secretary of education and head of the White House Office of Policy Development for President Reagan. He later served as senior vice president of Focus on the Family and as President of the Family Research Council.

"Today, with great pleasure, I am endorsing Ted Cruz for president," Bauer said. "Ted Cruz is a courageous conservative who has built a consistent record on the issues that matter most. He has fought for religious liberty at home and abroad. He believes all of our children should be welcomed into the world and protected by the law. Ted knows that government is too big and that taxes and regulations are too high. He will rebuild our military strength and pursue a foreign policy that repairs our frayed alliances. Ted Cruz understands that Israel is our friend and that Iran is our enemy. He understands that border security is national security. Last, but certainly not least, Ted Cruz is committed to restoring the rule of law and repealing President Obama's outrageous executive orders."

In just 10 short years, Bauer led the Family Research Council from a three-person, \$1 million operation to a 120-person, \$14 million operation. Following his 2000 campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, he founded and now serves as the president of American Values, a non-profit educational organization committed to defending life and traditional marriage.

"Ted Cruz can be trusted to nominate judges who will respect their proper constitutional role and resist the temptation to

legislate from the bench," he said. "He is the clear choice of Reagan conservatives."

Bauer additionally serves as chairman of the Campaign for Working Families, one of the nation's largest conservative political action committees, focused on electing conservatives to Congress.

"I have the highest respect for Gary and his impact on American culture and political life," Cruz said. "As chairman of President Reagan's Special Working Group on the Family, Gary brought national attention to the importance of marriage and the family. He has been highlighting the issues that matter and addressing them with courage and intelligence for decades, and our nation is stronger because of it. I am honored to have Gary's backing on this campaign."