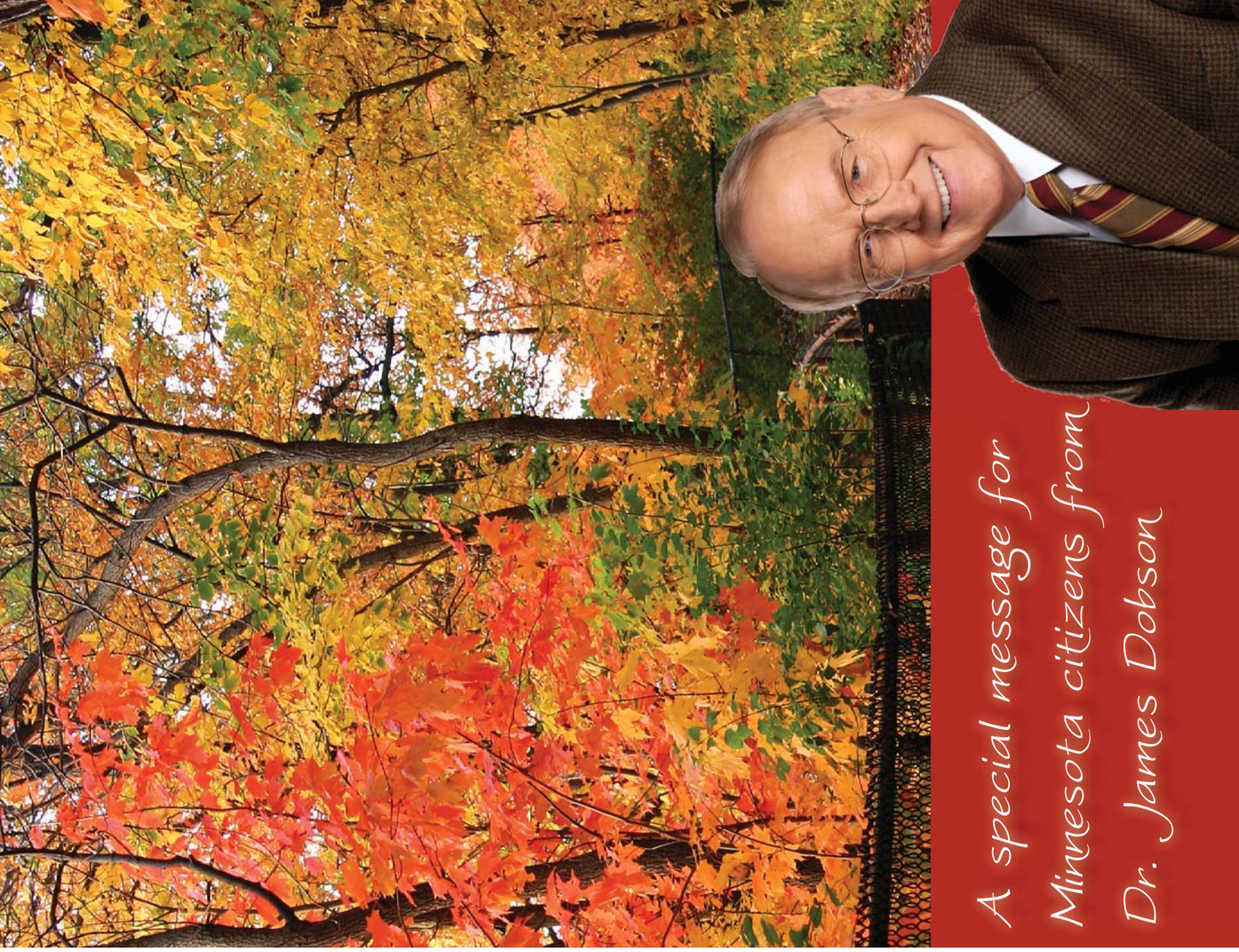

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Dear Minnesota Friend,

It's not every day that individuals find themselves in a position to significantly impact the direction of an entire nation, but that's exactly where you are today. **As a Minnesota voter, you are right in the middle of one of the most important and closely watched Senate races in the country.**

The stakes in this contest could not be higher. If Barack Obama wins the White House—a very real possibility—the U.S. Senate will be the last defense against his liberal agenda on abortion and marriage. Sen. Obama has already promised to support the Freedom of Choice Act, which would overturn every pro-life law on abortion in the nation. He has also pledged to abolish the Defense of Marriage Act and to allow open homosexuality in our military. The only hope of stopping this radical onslaught will be a strong showing of commonsense conservatives in the Senate.

A conservative Senate will be no less important under a McCain presidency. If John McCain should emerge victorious in November, he'll need every Senate vote he can get to confirm Supreme Court judges who will uphold the Constitution and restore sanity to our courts.

That's why Minnesota's Senate race is so critical. The contrast between the candidates is sharp. Norm Coleman has maintained a stellar pro-life record and a generally pro-family record in the U.S. Senate. Al Franken, on the other hand, has not only taken strikingly liberal positions since returning to Minnesota, but his comedic record in New York is an embarrassment to those who care about family values.

Please take a careful look at the issue checklist to the right. It contains details regarding the candidates' stands on life, marriage and the judiciary, as well as insights on other issues that are important to families—such as gas prices and the threat of higher taxes.

Focus Action doesn't endorse candidates, nor would we presume to tell you how to vote. But my hope is that you will carefully consider this information and then do two things:

1) Contact the candidates and let them know how you feel about their positions. I think you'll agree that politicians are much more attentive before elections than after.

2) Take a moment right now—while it's on your mind—to share this information with others. **Feel free to photocopy this letter and chart, or look for a printable version and links at our web site (www.CitizenLink.com).**

There is so much at stake during this election season. Please do all you can to uphold what is right and to make your voice heard.

Sincerely,

James C. Dobson, Ph.D.
Founder and Chairman

Key Issues	Norm Coleman	Al Franken
Life Does the candidate support pro-life policies?	**Yes** Coleman has a 100 percent pro-life voting record in the U.S. Senate, according to the National Right to Life Committee	**No** Al Franken fully supports legalized abortion and is endorsed by NARAL, the top pro-abortion lobbying group.
Marriage Does the candidate support traditional marriage and oppose the agenda of the gay lobby?	**Yes** Coleman voted for the Federal Marriage Amendment in 2004 and the Marriage Protection Amendment in 2006. He supported hate crimes expansion but has generally opposed the agenda of the gay lobby.	**No** Al Franken supports same-sex "marriage," though he admits he doesn't discuss it in "out-state Minnesota." He strongly supports the gay lobby's agenda – including open homosexuality in the military – and is endorsed by the top gay rights lobbying group.
Judges Does the candidate support the confirmation of judges like John Roberts and Samuel Alito, who will uphold the Constitution rather than re-write it?	**Yes** Coleman voted to confirm both Roberts and Alito.	**No** Franken has openly criticized senators who voted for Alito. Party pressure – combined with his strong pro-abortion stance – make it very unlikely that he would vote to confirm similar nominees in the Senate.
Taxes Does the candidate generally support lower taxes?	**Yes** Although he has a mixed record, Coleman has generally supported lower taxes. He has an 83 percent lifetime rating from Americans for Tax Reform and received an "A" from the National Tax Limitation Committee.	**?** Franken has no voting record on taxes. But his support for expensive new government programs - such as universal healthcare - would likely require large tax increases.
Gas prices Will the candidate protect family budgets by allowing safe off-shore drilling?	**Yes** Coleman introduced the Coleman-Domenici Amendment that would open the Outer Continental Shelf for oil and gas development. He also supports biofuels, wind, clean coal and flex-fuel technology.	**?** Franken is "not categorically opposed to off-shore drilling if it's environmentally sustainable." He also supports biofuels, solar, wind, and expanded public transportation.

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