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Dear Dr. Smith,

Thank you for calling on the presidential candidates to address the increasingly alarming erosion of family life in South Carolina and across America.

To restore our greatness as a nation, we must protect and advance the cause of the American family. I applaud you for not only pointing out the economic but also the moral dimensions of this most fundamental challenge.

As I stated at the Faith and Freedom Conference last month, "I do not believe the Republican Party should focus only on our economic life to the neglect of our human life. That is a trade we should not make. If Republicans ignore life, the deficit we will face is one that is much more destructive. It will be a deficit of the heart and of the soul."

Since we launched our campaign just a few weeks ago, my family and I have been blessed with the opportunity to meet many decent, hard-working men and women in South Carolina and across our nation. Most Americans of our generation want nothing more than a better and brighter and more optimistic future for their children and grandchildren.

I agree with you that the decline of the family seriously threatens our future in America. Broken families not only lead to broken spirits – they lead to increased poverty, homelessness, crime, and government dependency.

Your FAMILY '12 initiative raises the central question: how do we restore America's foundation? For me, first and foremost, we should seek to restore a fundamental respect for life.

As Governor of Utah, I signed some of the nation's toughest laws to limit abortion and defend those who cannot defend themselves. We made second-trimester abortions illegal, required parental consent for minors, and allowed women to learn about the pain their aborted child would feel. My goal is to bring these pro-life, pro-family values to the White House.

To restore America's foundation, we must also create an environment that promotes economic security, which helps promote stability in the family. This includes tax relief for families and pro-growth policies that help create good and plentiful job opportunities.

Again, as Governor of Utah, I am pleased to report we succeeded in creating new jobs and stronger economic security for our families. During those years, Utah became the fastest-growing state in the nation, and I was honored that our state was widely rated as the best-managed state in the nation.

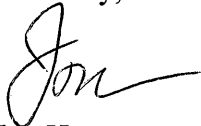
On a personal note, I am the product of a strong and loving family. Growing up, I wouldn't be who I am today without the strength and support of my family. Today, Mary Kaye and I never forget that our most important job is raising our seven kids.

If we, as a nation, are to remain a beacon of liberty, goodness and prosperity, it's going to take hard work – and that work starts with rebuilding the moral and economic health of family life in South Carolina and in every state and community across America.

Again, I applaud Palmetto Family for your FAMILY '12 project. The research you have done clearly illustrates just how important it is to restore America's Foundation.

Thank you for your leadership. I look forward to meeting with you on this and other issues. Please keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jon Huntsman