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Dear Chairman Steele:

Congratulations on your new leadership role with the Republican National Committee. At this time of tremendous national frustration with the liberal/socialist agenda, it is our belief that you will be helpful in articulating our deep-felt Republican values of fiscal and individual responsibility, smaller government and the sanctity of human life.

As members of Peters Twp. Republicans, we have had some grass-root success. We opened a highly visible victory center in our township (the second in our county) and supporters from all major parties were able to join us throughout the '08 presidential election cycle. In the end we got an average 70% of our voters out to vote and were a major factor in turning Washington County red for the first time in half a century.

Many of our phone bankers and election-day workers are now active in Peters Township Republicans as local committee people, neighborhood helpers or candidates for election boards throughout our twelve voting districts. We make a great model for "how to successfully organize the Republican Party at the local level!"

And yet there is great frustration – what many of us feared in an Obama presidency has come to fruition. On election night – before our Peters Township votes were even tabulated at the Washington County Election's Office – the major news media called Pennsylvania for Obama by 8:00 pm. And now with the downturn in the economy, we find more and more government control over our day to day lives. Proposed tax increases will burden our children and grandchildren in a manner that is totally opposite of the principles of limited government espoused by Ronald Reagan.

We feel powerless, but we want our voices to be heard. When we see our U.S. Senator, Arlen Specter, voting against virtually all of his Republican colleagues and against the wishes of masses of his constituents and hear him asking Democrats to temporarily change parties for the primary - we no longer support his candidacy in 2010.

The type of "hope and change" that we are looking for in the next presidential candidate is someone with sound economics and business sense. . .a fighter for Republican values and national security - someone who is not constantly kow-towing to Democrats . . . We are tired of Republican candidates being pre-selected for us in Iowa and New Hampshire. We look to your national leadership to revise the current primary system and find those candidates that we can fully support at our "grass-roots" level.

We wish you well in these endeavors.

Sincerely,

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