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Dear Michael:

Thank you for contacting me on the issue of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child. My position on that convention is unequivocal: I would oppose Senate approval of the convention, and would not sign the convention for final ratification.

I believe that the best safeguard for the well-being and protection of children is the family, and that the primary safeguards for the legal rights of children in America is the U.S. Constitution and the laws of the states.

The American values that have been at the heart of our historic rise to world leadership are being challenged every day. These include, among others, the institution of marriage, respect for life, and protection of our children. To remain a superpower in the world, we must continuously and vigorously reaffirm these key components that have long served as the bedrock of America's greatness.

The family unit serves an essential purpose in society. We must work to preserve its central role in shaping the character of future generations.

As Governor of Massachusetts, I fought the battles for every major social issue that affected the values of family life. I fought to preserve traditional marriage and to protect the sanctity of human life. I enforced a law that banned out-of-state same-sex couples from coming to Massachusetts to get married, and supported a Federal Marriage Amendment to define marriage in our Constitution as a union of one man and one woman.

It is my firm belief that marriage is largely about the development and nurturing of children and raising them to adhere to the values we cherish in our society. As President of the United States, I would continue to safeguard the institution of the American family.

I am running for president because I believe in America and know that our best days are still ahead. I believe that the principles that made America the leader of the world today—freedom, opportunity, and free enterprise to name just a few—are the very principles that will keep America the leader of the world tomorrow. These last few years have not been the best of times. But, while we've lost a few years, we have not lost our way.

I look forward to hearing from you in the future and earning your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mitt Romney'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the 'y'.

Mitt Romney

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