

the YALE POLITICAL UNION

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Dear Governor Haley,

On behalf of the Yale Political Union, it is my pleasure to extend to you an invitation to join us in our tradition of spirited debate. We would love for you to share your ideas in the opening speech of a debate with a room full of Yale undergraduates excited to listen and learn from you.

The oldest undergraduate debating organization of its kind in the country, the Yale Political Union was founded to combat political apathy and immerse students in meaningful political discourse. It has grown into the largest debating group on campus, providing a central forum for students to engage with hard and controversial issues. Over the course of its history, the Union has hosted many of the most influential and intriguing public figures of its time, including several Presidents and hundreds of national leaders, foreign dignitaries, activists, artists, and academics. Recently, the Union has debated with such guests as Senators Rick Santorum and Chris Murphy, Secretary of State John Kerry, former governor of New York and political commentator Eliot Spitzer, Reverend Al Sharpton, and the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

Our debates attract some of the brightest and most politically engaged students at Yale, many with the potential to become leaders in public service in America and around the world. Through our tradition of bringing current leaders and thinkers together to debate with and amongst the next generation, we begin to understand both our collective devotion to the common good and the service and leadership that enacting our visions will require. I hope that you can be a part of that tradition in the upcoming semester.

We look forward to exploring a debate topic, such as Medicaid expansions or unions, with you. Our debate resolutions are selected with the intention of showcasing your opening speech as the factual and normative foundation for the evening's student debate. We always enjoy our guests sharing their wisdom and experience with us, particularly guests with careers as distinguished as yours. Should you choose to accept our invitation, we will work with you up until the debate to determine a topic that is exciting both for you and us.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Vice President Ariel Murphy by email at ariel.murphy@yale.edu or by phone at (201)-669-2824. Thank you sincerely for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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