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Mr. Bryant,

It was a pleasure to hear your speech in Greenville tonight and to meet you briefly afterward. I'm the man who asked what our state might do to project to the nation an aggressive message that South Carolina is a place where people have the common sense to understand that a man is a man, a woman is a woman, and a marriage is the union of one of each. You mentioned a fear factor on the part of the legislature, to which I replied, "We need to stop being scared."

I thought I would write and add just one more point about fear. For people who believe the Bible and have the long term in view, as much as there is to fear in resisting the gender confusion that is rapidly ensnaring the world (and there is plenty!), there is much more to fear in capitulating to it.

And if people want to say that the governor must represent *all* South Carolinians, a great reply in my opinion would be that the governor represents the *best interests* of all South Carolinians, as best he can discern them, not their warped desires. The best thing South Carolina can do for its citizens on the gender issues is to make every effort to maintain a climate that encourages people to live out their lives consistently with the gender God gave them. We never do people good by helping them perpetuate their confusion or delusion. And then on top of all of that comes Judgment Day when we stand before the Lord!

I know that this line of thinking would meet with much derision and anger. But I also wonder whether there just might be an even stronger uprising of sane people in support of someone who would speak so unapologetically with a strong voice of common sense? If it could happen any of the states, I'd think that SC would be the one. But whatever the responses of men and women might be, at least a candidate like that would know that he had taken God's side and could look to heaven for help.

I thank the Lord for your candidacy, and I pray that He will help you know how to speak for Him to the people of our state!

I'm not a man of substantial means, but I'll do what I can in support of a candidate with the courage to say these kinds of things boldly. Fix the roads, clean out the corruption, improve the tax system, yada yada yada. Fine; I'd hope a Republican would do a better job than a Democrat in many ways, and that you'd do better than your opponents. But these matters are not at the core of what it is to be a human being made in God's image, so I find myself unable to crank up much enthusiasm over these matters. But talk about a candidate who is willing to boldly take God's side on these issues of ultimate importance (including abortion, which has not been my focus in this message)? Just tell me where to mail my check! I wonder how many more people out here may be willing to do the same? I don't suppose we'll ever know unless somebody starts speaking up to see what happens. I like to hope that a good many people who might feel rather apathetic about these issues when considering them in the abstract (such as when answering survey questions) would actually respond very positively to well crafted messages on these topics once they heard them delivered with courage and conviction.

No reply is necessary; thank you for reading and for taking a moment with me this evening.

Praying for you!

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