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Subject: Reduce teenage pregnancy in S.C.

Katherine it's always a pleasure speaking with you, here's the information you asked for

A MODEL OF PARTNERING -Church and State

My vision is to have the Governor use help bring the Churches in S.C. together to work on a social problem that causes great harm to our State and our people. The Governor could announce a new initiative to partner with the Churches in S.C to work together in reducing the number of teenage pregnancies in S.C. Then she could invite major Church leaders to a conference in Columbia, explain the human and financial costs of teen pregnancy, and ask the church leaders to go back to their congregations and begin programs to address this problem. After about a year or more, the Governor could reconvene the church leaders and discuss what programs worked and what innovative approaches were used in the Churches to address this social problem. The Governor could encourage the church leaders to continue their efforts to reduce teen pregnancies in S.C. Results of these programs could be measured in about three or four years as to their effectiveness.

THE ADVANTAGES FOR THE GOVERNOR

Will demonstrate her willingness to address social problems.

Low costs with potential great savings to the State in programs like WIC.

If this program proves effect it could be used in other social areas like domestic violence.

There is no real political risk for the Governor if the program does not work; rather it shows her care and concern for promoting a better society, and her courage in taking on difficult problems.

Each denomination work in their moral belief system thus keeping the Governor free of any controversy over moral methods advocated in the programs.

Significant costs reduction to the State.

Reduced abortions.

The Governor could visit Large Annual Church programs which could be a help for her to advocate her views and concerns for S.C. (ie. Cut through the media which often filters her message.)

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