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SANFORD CAN MAKE AN IMPACT ON WASHINGTON

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With a \$16 trillion dollar national debt and a yearly deficit in excess of \$1 trillion dollars, our nation needs to make important changes quickly if we are to build a stable government and economy. S.C. District 1 has the opportunity to elect someone who will be a leader in Washington during this important time.

Mark Sanford saw this coming; he was talking about our debt and deficit almost 20 years ago and warned about what would happen if we didn't curb spending. As a congressman, Mark returned over \$1 million dollars in unused office funds to the U.S. Treasury. Mark helped to build balanced budgets and was an important leader in the Republican Party.

When Mark was elected governor, he inherited a mess created by the state government. He quickly worked to overhaul the executive branch and eliminated almost \$1 billion dollars in deficit and state debt. While reducing the debt, he also worked to cut taxes and passed the first cut to the marginal income tax rate and the largest recurring tax cut in South Carolina history. The Cato Institute ranked Mark the most fiscally conservative governor in the country because of his unyielding economic principles.

Mark has the conservatism that Washington desperately needs and the experience required to be a leader in the House. S.C. District 1 must elect someone who can have a strong positive impact on Washington, and that person is Mark Sanford.