



Tuesday: Sanford needed in Washington

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COLUMBIA, SC — With a \$16 trillion national debt and a yearly deficit in excess of \$1 trillion, our nation needs to make important changes quickly if we are to build a stable government and economy. Voters in South Carolina's 1st Congressional District have the opportunity to elect someone who will be a leader in Washington during this important time.

Mark Sanford saw this coming; he warned about what would happen if we didn't curb spending. As congressman, Mark returned more than \$1 million in unused office funds to the U.S. Treasury. He worked to build balanced budgets and was an important leader in the Republican Party.

When Mark was elected governor, he inherited a mess. He eliminated an almost \$1 billion funding gap and passed the first cut to the marginal income tax rate in state history. The CATO institute ranked him 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. The 1st District voters must elect someone who can have a strong impact on Washington, and that person is Mark Sanford.