

Draft Mike Huckabee for Vice President

I have no illusions that Mitt Romney reads my column. But I have some advice that I hope someone will pass along:

Dear Mr. Romney,

Two weeks before the Republican National Convention, there is still time to put former Gov. Mike Huckabee on your ticket because he can fire up the base and help you win what will undoubtedly be a close race.

I know you may have already made a decision, but that was before Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day, which shows that Mike Huckabee can motivate millions of Americans to do something when it strikes a chord with their deeply felt beliefs.

Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day was Huckabee's idea—not something dreamed up by the marketing department of the popular chicken fast-food chain. The idea easily could have gone nowhere. Instead it defied all expectations. It is said to be Chick-fil-A's best day in history.

I heard of a church in Florida that bought 500 chicken sandwiches to hand out to the homeless. Another sent a bus full of customers. One Chick-fil-A employee told me unofficially that business was four times that of a normal day. I even ate there twice myself to show support.

Mike Huckabee didn't do it for political reasons. He did it because he felt it was unfair that the left

was vilifying Chick-fil-A President Dan Cathy for merely expressing his opinion—and a rather traditional one at that. And look at how people responded.

Mike Huckabee is a principled man who can mobilize the base who vote on their values. You need a running mate like that on your ticket. The other vice president possibilities are good— and I'm supporting you regardless of who you pick. But in a presidential race you need the highest test octane in your tank to get that extra edge. With what happened at Chick-fil-A, Huckabee shows he has that extra something that connects with these conservative voters.

Those are the voters you need to get elected. Sure, they are not inclined to vote for Barack Obama. But they may stay home. They know you are a good man with solid values, but they don't understand Mormonism. With Mike Huckabee on the ticket, not only do they get over that but they will get so fired up they'll turn out in droves—like they did to Chick-fil-A—and help you win.

Sincerely,
Steve Strang

So, let's start a "Draft Huckabee for Vice President" campaign.

Is it a long shot? Of course. But it could happen. If you agree with me, you can help. Share this article on Facebook. Email it to your contact list. Tweet it to all of your followers.

If we can get the same result as Huckabee did with Chick-fil-A, then that will show Romney the influence Huckabee has with the base Romney needs to win the presidential race.

Now a word to my fellow evangelical Christians who never thought they would vote for a Mormon: Get over it!

Evangelicals in California joined arms with Mormons to pass California's Proposition 8 in 2008. That fight was over whether to legitimize homosexuality. Now with Obama advocating so-called same-sex marriage, this election is becoming a referendum on homosexuality. We must unite with those who believe what the Bible teaches about sexuality and morality—whether it's Orthodox Jews, conservative Catholics or Mormons.

Plus: We're not electing a pastor for America, but a leader for our executive branch of government and a commander-in-chief.

Mitt Romney is clearly qualified and with his values are polar degrees from Obama. Now what must we do to get him elected? Drafting someone like Mike Huckabee for vice president is the way to do it.

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