



August 29, 2008

Hon. Michael Duncan  
Chairman  
Republican National Committee  
310 First Street  
Washington DC 20003

Dear Chairman Duncan,

MyGoodDeed.org was founded in 2003 with the help of all the leading 9/11 family and support groups, for the express purpose of transforming 9/11 into an annually recognized national day of charitable service in honor of the victims, volunteers and the Ground Zero rescue and recovery workers. The U.S. Congress unanimously supported this vision in 2004, when it passed H. Con. Res 473.

As we approach the seventh anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we respectfully request that you publicly urge all candidates of the Republican Party not to engage in formal campaign activity on September 11, 2008. Rather we ask that these candidates, their respective staff members, and members of the Republican National Committee, dedicate a portion of that sacred day to community service, honoring the spirit of unity that brought our nation together in the immediate aftermath of the terrorist attacks. As you know, Senators John McCain and Barack Obama have already agreed to honor this moratorium.

To this day, most Americans can still remember exactly how they felt the minute they heard about the first terrorist strike on 9/11. At that very moment, and for months following, it didn't matter to most Americans whether our fellow citizens were from "Red States" or "Blue States." We realized there were things far more important in our lives than the differences that often separate us as people. We were all unified by a universal sense of compassion.

However fleeting that historic moment might have been, it gave us a glimpse of what the nation could be like if we could learn to work more closely together to solve our problems. We ask you to help us rekindle that sense of unity by suspending your campaign activity on 9/11, and engaging in your own personal expression of charitable service in honor of those who perished and those who rose in service to help rebuild the nation.

Sincerely,

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