To: Elected official

Date

Dear:

Thank you for all you have done for America and the world.

Politicians in particular seem fond of speaking about Family Values, or American values, but can those same politicians name a single one?

The first, and essential, irreducible value is *Life* itself. The first three values are the *Quality* of that life, the ability to *Grow* and express one's potential, and the opportunity to do so *Equally* with all others. This aspect of the recognition of equality evokes the values of *Empathy*, *Compassion*, and *Love for Humanity*, expressed through care and consideration of others.

Taken together, these *Seven Core Values* are what defines us as human beings.

If every decision that every family, corporation, or lawmaker made, was held up to these seven values and judged accordingly, we would have a very different society.

We believe this is not only possible, it is imperative. If decisions were made using a Values-Based team, then we would have societal stability. We would have an interlocking, flexible grid of small decisions that, taken together, provide a sustainable foundation of working *systems* that would see us far into the future. Almost like interlocking Legos, an obsolete brick (decision) could easily be replaced (updated) without throwing out the entirety of the system.

There is a small but sincere global network of people working to organize and staff Family Clinics based on these values to help parents learn the basics of sustainable family systems. Several of us are working with select universities offering courses in Planetary Management as a first step to introduce Social Sustainability into academia.

I’m writing to make you aware of our efforts. Perhaps these seven core values can be folded into your humanitarian endeavors as well.

My thanks to you for helping to make our world a better place.