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The Honorable Jeb Bush
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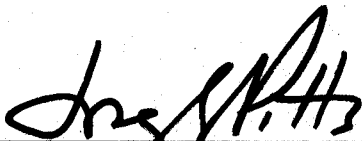
Dear Governor Bush:

We are writing to express our appreciation for your courageous stand in defense of Terri Schindler-Schiavo's right-to-life. Your leadership has been crucial in preserving Terri's life.

Respect for the weak and defenseless is the hallmark of a civilized society. To the extent that we abandon our calling to defend those who cannot defend themselves we demean ourselves. We know that you were under enormous pressure from so-called "right-to-die" advocates to abandon Terri Schiavo to the mercy of the courts. We are grateful that you chose to lead the charge in challenging the court, via amicus brief, and finally in encouraging the drafting and passage of Terri's Law.

Terri's fight has become a national symbol for the debate over the dignity of the disabled and will have implications for the end-of-life debate across the nation. As federal lawmakers, we must take seriously our responsibility to ensure that people like Terri are protected, not harmed, by our laws. Thank you for providing a strong example for us to follow in that regard.

Sincerely,



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