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February 17, 2012

The Honorable Jason M. Gant
Secretary of State of South Dakota
State Capitol
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre SD 57501-5070

RE: Inclusion on the 2012 Republican Presidential Preference Primary Ballot

Dear Secretary Gant:

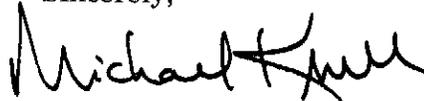
This letter is submitted on behalf of Mr. Newt Gingrich, a Republican candidate for the office of President of the United States, and Newt 2012, Inc., the principal campaign committee of Mr. Gingrich (FEC Identification Number C00496497). In accordance with South Dakota Codified Laws section 12-5-3.14, Mr. Gingrich respectfully notifies you of his intent and desire to have his name placed on the Republican ballot for the upcoming South Dakota Presidential Preference Primary on June 5, 2012.

Mr. Gingrich officially became a Republican presidential candidate on May 16, 2011, when he filed his "Form 2" Statement of Candidacy with the Federal Election Commission. Mr. Gingrich has been actively campaigning for the Republican presidential nomination in South Dakota and other states around the country. Accordingly, Mr. Gingrich hereby requests that his name be included on the Republican ballot for the 2012 South Dakota Presidential Preference Primary.

Mr. Gingrich and Newt 2012, Inc. are unaware of any other requirements for ballot access in South Dakota. Should there be additional obligations that require our attention, please contact me no later than Thursday, March 1, 2012, at 202-431-7799 or mkrull@newt.org. Likewise, should you have any questions regarding Mr. Gingrich's candidacy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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