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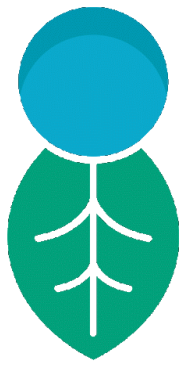
Dear Ms. Theron,

We write to sincerely applaud you for your poignant exploration of the real-world complexities of motherhood in the movie *Tully*. Your performance stands in stark contrast to the gilded version we are often shown, and it is moving. More importantly, we also applaud your parenting through adoption, and your [public statements about your choice](#).

While family planning is usually treated as a private and personal matter, the simple fact is that for most people, having kids is the one thing they will do that most influences others – defining the lives of their children, altering the community those children join, and [determining the future of the world that we all share](#). As such, better family planning is the most effective way to move towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The facts are clear:

- The most effective way to address many of the impacts on our environment and other species, like [climate change](#), is by choosing smaller families. Yes, it's [more effective](#) than changing diet or forms of transportation.
- By 2100 world population could vary by billions of people, depending on [whether the average woman in the world today has one child more or one child fewer in her lifetime](#).
- Our current family planning systems provide [no minimum standard of wellbeing for future children](#), allowing children to be born into failing state systems because their parents cannot care for them. That exacerbates inequality, and [ensures rich kids stay rich and poor kids stay poor](#).
- Celebrities, whether they like it or not, can provide [influential role modeling](#) for others when it comes to family planning decisions.
- [Child-first family planning](#) provides a clear human rights-based solution and path forward. It's sustainable and equitable, and reflected in the [worldwide trend towards smaller families that can invest more in each child](#) and ensure a safer future.

You have our and many others admiration for the stories you tell, and the examples you set, especially as UN Messenger of Peace.



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That is why we are writing to ask you to break a universal taboo, and in your words and own way, speak out publicly for the worldwide need for a [better family planning model](#), one that prioritizes the needs of future children and the universal value of smaller, more sustainable, and truly equitable families.

We stand ready to assist you in any way we can, but are confident that you will find the best way to do this. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Anne Green

Executive Director

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[Having Kids](#) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to reforming family planning by replacing parent-centered family planning models with the human rights-based and child-first Fair Start model.