



Dear Friend,

Thank you again for all your generosity and encouragement. It really

means a lot to me.

Working together, we've built a stronger society for the people of the North Shore, Merrimack Valley and its surrounding communities.

As I write this message, our state and our nation are in a slow, but steady downward spiral - a downward spiral that is draining our country's vitality. If we are to live up to the ideal of the American dream, we need Democrats who will work for real change rather than conducting "business as usual."

That is why, at the urging of friends like you, I made a decision to run for the United States Congress.

We have a Democratic majority in Washington, yet we still ask ourselves: why do we still have the same special interests running the show at the expense of the middle class, the expense of the small businesses that are the lifeblood of our country, and the expense of the workers who so dearly need Washington to get some sanity.

There are no easy answers. There are only solutions based on common sense and cooperation. Common sense and cooperation are the bedrock of a good marriage, of an enduring friendship, of successfully thriving families and communities. Why can't we govern our nation the same way?

**We are going back to the basics of common sense, finding real solutions to real problems.** As your next Congresswoman, know that plain common sense and cooperation are the guiding principles under which I will provide leadership for the people of the North Shore and beyond.

I'm sure you would agree that all people are created equal. But are all Democrats? Too many Democrats are contributing to **gridlock that has given this Congress the lowest approval rating in history.** We are looking for better Democrats - Democrats like us.

**Now is the time.** I hope we can count on your generous support in the

coming weeks - it will truly make all the difference at this crucial phase of the race. We need momentum and energy **now**. The primary isn't until next year, but as you know, the successful candidate wins before she goes on the campaign trail doing the necessary fundraising.

That's why I'm reaching out to common sense individuals and families to help fund my campaign. That way, **the people** will determine the path as we bravely move forward.

[\*\*If you haven't yet made a contribution, please consider making a donation of \\$1000, \\$500, \\$250, \\$100, \\$50 or any other amount by clicking here.\*\*](#)

Yes, the banks needs to be **firmly regulated**, and their excesses trimmed but constantly criticizing them is not the solution. We need to encourage and foster small business development and, at the same moment, Congress needs to move forward with legislation that breaks the gridlock that is holding back our lives.

[\*\*If you have made a contribution, please donate once again by clicking here. I do need your continuing support.\*\*](#)

Together, we, as the **strong and bold leaders**, the problem solvers, the common sense majority, the small business owners, the caregivers, the workers, and families of the Democratic party, can work for a more just and equitable society, and work diligently and everyday to restore the American dream.

I look forward to speaking with you soon to hear your suggestions and your concerns. As always, thank you for your friendship and support. Thank you for everything you do.

My warmest,



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