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Missoula, Montana

Dear Friend:

On April 8 I filed for the Democratic nomination to Congress from the first Montana district. My reason for writing this letter is to ask you for your support in the coming campaign. I feel that you know me well enough to understand the kind of a person I am and the principles for which I stand.

As it is an impossibility for a candidate to meet all the people in the district, he has to depend on his friends to tell their friends what they know about him. I should like to ask you to do this for me. I will, of course, visit as many towns and contact as many people as I can.

My purpose in seeking the nomination of Congressman is to work for the welfare and benefit of the people of Montana and the nation. I am intensely interested in the continuation of the democratic type of government which we have enjoyed for so many years in this country of ours. To me the preservation of our country and our democracy are of paramount importance and I feel that we are now engaged in a life and death struggle--a struggle for existence.

If nominated and elected I will represent the people of this district honestly and decently. I feel that my training in History and Political Science, my experience as a teacher in your University at Missoula for the past eight years, and my participation in civic affairs all help to fit me for the job. As one of the youngest veterans of the last War I have an understanding of the problems of today and sympathy for our young men in the Service. There will be no doubt as to my position on any matters to come before the Congress, and I will always keep in mind the fact that I am an employee of the people who elected me.

In order to win the race, I will need your support; and I can assure you that any aid or advice you care to give me will be very much appreciated.

With best personal wishes,

Sincerely,