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## Greek Fundraiser Speech

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THANK YOU, SENATOR SARBANES, FOR THAT WONDERFUL INTRODUCTION. IN PAUL SARBANES, THE GREEK-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS A SENATOR OF GREAT DISTINCTION AND HIGH PRINCIPLE. AND WE ALL HAVE A LEADER WHO BELIEVES IN A STRONG AND COMPASSIONATE AMERICA AND A PEACEFUL WORLD.

PAUL, I'M NOT JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE I'M SPEAKING TO A ROOM FULL OF GREEKS BEARING GIFTS. AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AS VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE NEXT JANUARY.

IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK HERE WITH SO MANY FRIENDS. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THIS WORLD IS THAT YOU REMEMBER WHERE YOU CAME FROM. YOU CAN HAVE GOOD FORTUNE, YOU CAN HAVE SKILL, YOU CAN WORK HARD. BUT EVEN ALL THESE WILL NOT BRING YOU SUCCESS IF YOU DON'T REMEMBER YOUR ROOTS.

HERE IN ASTORIA, I FOUND THE SUPPORT I NEEDED TO LAUNCH A POLITICAL CAREER. YOU WERE THERE AT THE BEGINNING, WHEN I NEEDED SIGNATURES TO GET MY NAME ON THE BALLOT FOR THAT FIRST PRIMARY IN 1978.

AND, YOU KNOW, THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO SAY HERE. I RAN AGAINST TOM MANTON IN THAT PRIMARY. JUST THINK. IF THAT PRIMARY HAD COME OUT DIFFERENTLY, WE'D ALL BE HERE TONIGHT HONORING THE MONDALE-MANTON TICKET.

INSTEAD, IN 1984 WE'RE GOING TO SEND TOM MANTON TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHERE HE'LL BE A FRIEND THAT PRESIDENT FRITZ MONDALE CAN COUNT ON.

WHAT ALWAYS GAVE STRENGTH TO THE SUPPORT I'VE ENJOYED HERE IN ASTORIA HAS BEEN SHARED INTERESTS, SHARED BELIEFS, SHARED VALUES. GREEKS AND ITALIANS -- WE HOLD TO THE OLD TRADITIONS.

THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND CARING IS A SPIRIT INBRED FROM OUR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS. WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THEM, WE PASS ON TO OUR CHILDREN. WE HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN THE TRUE FAMILY VALUES THAT MAKE OUR COUNTRY GREAT.

IN THIS ELECTION, THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY ARE THE SOLE POSSESSORS OF TRADITIONAL FAMILY VALUES IN AMERICA. THEY THINK THEY ARE THE KEEPERS OF TRUTH AND MORALITY. BUT THEIR BELIEFS ARE RIGID AND INTOLERANT. AND THEY ARE TRYING TO DROWN OUT THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO DISAGREE WITH THEM.

THE RADICALS OF THE ULTRA-RIGHT HAVE TRIED THIS BEFORE. TWO YEARS AGO, THEY WENT INTO MARYLAND WITH THEIR GRAB-BAG OF DIRTY TRICKS AND DISTORTIONS OF THE FACTS. THEY HOPED TO DRAG THE CAMPAIGN INTO THE MUD.

BUT THE TARGET OF THEIR SMEARS JUST LEVELLED WITH THE PEOPLE. HE TALKED ABOUT THE ISSUES, HIS CONCERNS ABOUT ARMS CONTROL, ABOUT STRONG U.S. TIES WITH OUR ALLIES, ABOUT A

STRONG DOMESTIC ECONOMY THAT OFFERS VERY AMERICAN A  
FAIR CHANCE. AND THE RADICALS WERE ROUTED, AND PAUL  
SARBANES WON WITH 63 PERCENT OF THE VOTE.

FRITZ MONDALE AND I ARE GOING TO WIN THIS  
ELECTION, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO LEVEL WITH THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE. WE'VE GOT A MESSAGE THAT IS MAINSTREAM AMERICA.  
AND THAT MESSAGE IS GOING TO BE HEARD, NO MATTER HOW THE  
DIRTY TRICKSTERS TRY TO STOP US.

THEY WANT TO TRY TO SHUT US UP. THEY ORGANIZE  
HECKLERS TO TRY TO STOP THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FROM HEARING  
WHAT WE SAY. THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF SAYS, "THE DEMOCRATS  
OUGHT TO CLOSE THEIR MOUTHS ABOUT THE DEFICIT."

BUT WE DON'T WANT THEM TO SHUT UP. WE WANT TO  
MAKE RONALD REAGAN TALK ABOUT THE DEFICIT. WE WANT TO  
MAKE HIM TALK ABOUT ARMS CONTROL. WE WANT TO MAKE HIM  
TALK ABOUT HIS FAILED FOREIGN POLICIES. FRITZ MONDALE  
AND I WILL HAVE A FOREIGN POLICY BASED IN STRENGTH AND  
CONFIDENCE. WE WILL MAKE HUMAN RIGHTS A CENTERPIECE  
OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, IN CENTRAL AMERICA, IN SOUTH  
AFRICA, IN THE SOVIET UNION, AND FOR THE BRAVE AND  
PROUD PEOPLE OF CYPRUS. WE WILL NOT TOLERATE THE  
STEADY DRIFT TOWARDS A PERMANENTLY DIVIDED CYPRUS.

THE WHITE HOUSE DOESN'T WANT TO SPEND THE NEXT SIX WEEKS DISCUSSING THESE ISSUES. THAT'S WHY THEY WORK SO HARD AT KEEPING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE PRESS AWAY FROM THE PRESIDENT. WE HAVE A PRESIDENT WHO WON'T ENGAGE IN AN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, BUT PREFERS A CLASH OF SYMBOLS.

FRITZ AND I ARE GOING TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T GET AWAY WITH IT. THIS ELECTION WILL DECIDE THE DIRECTION OF OUR COUNTRY FOR YEARS TO COME. THE CHOICE BETWEEN THE CANDIDATES, AND THEIR VISIONS OF AMERICA'S FUTURE, COULD NOT BE CLEARER. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW WHO'S ON THEIR SIDE, AND WHO ISN'T, AND THEY AREN'T GOING TO BE FOOLED.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE PAST. WE'VE DONE SO MUCH IN THE PAST. AND WE CAN DO MORE IN THE FUTURE. WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN WIN THIS ELECTION, AND GIVE AMERICA THE LEADERSHIP OUR PEOPLE DESERVE AND THE WORLD EXPECTS FROM US.

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE WHEN I'VE NEEDED YOU BEFORE. THANKS SO MUCH FOR BEING THERE WHEN I NEED YOU NOW. THANK YOU, AND STANDARD GREEK GREETING OR SOMETHING.