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## Letter from a New York Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro

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New York, N. Y. 10024  
July 13, 1984

Mrs. Gersldine A. Ferraro  
Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Market Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Ferraro:

In the coming campaign, you will be a candidate whose personality, charm and temperament will be of unprecedented interest to literally millions of people. In this connection, television is serving both you and Mr. Mondale well.

My wife and I believe that the quality of your speaking voice may be of importance. This results mainly from the adequacy of ones breath support in producing tones. A strenuous campaign with resultant vocal strain may cause tension to the speaker which feeling is conveyed to hearers, whereas words properly spoken will be free of strain.

Since a bit of prevention can well outweigh a pound of cure, we have thought to suggest that it might be a good idea to consult a speech coach or vocal teacher at the outset for advice in regard to voice production, specifically with regard to the matter of breath support while speaking. Consultation from time to time thereafter also might be wise.

Years ago I heard Eleanor Roosevelt speak to a group and noted great strain in her voice production. Some time later I heard her again; it was evident that someone had shown her what she was doing wrong for her voice had become very pleasant.

I make these comments from experience and observation. I am a retired lawyer who has had voice training as a matter of pleasure and also years of singing experience. My wife, a graduate of Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music, has sung in grand opera, with symphony orchestras as a soloist, has been a soloist on her own radio program and has also conducted a number of choruses.

We are interested in your campaign, and it occurs to us that if you cared to have us help, on an entirely gratuitous basis, we might be of assistance to you before you leave the New York area to undertake the great campaign.

With every good wish

Sincerely



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