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Dear friend, Geraldine Ferraro,

Our joy at your selection as the Democratic candidate for Vice-President is accompanied by a small sadness at the diminution of intimacy we feel in losing you as our Representative in the House. It is time for the country to share with us the vision you inspire and the energies you have graced us with.

No one inpublic office knows better than you that we "do not go gently into that good night," that the encroaching limitations on our mortality do not leave us silent and shortsighted. Our reach goes beyond the foreseeable. Beyond the bread and butter issues that we are legitimately identified with. Our greatest concern is that the legacy we leave to the future - to our children, grandchildren and the far-off generations beyond our last breath - is an America, and a world, that they can feel blessed to be in.

Many of us are city-bound, living in the restricting economic circumstances that aging, too often, brings. Our window-view is generally limited to the massed buildings of steel, glass and concrete that lie across the East River, and to the multiplying technical marvels of american creative genius that this city attracts. Yet, without diminishing our awe and love for our city, we revere the America that God created, that lies beyond our window-view - in the Great Plains, in the Northwest rain forests, in the sea islands and mangrove swamps of the Southeast, and the deserts of the Southwest. That is our America, too. Though we may never see it. we love it.

It will take courage and insight - and certainly sacrifice - to keep America "the Beautiful." And it will take understanding and compassion to assist our uniquely diverse humanity to become, truly, one family. Help restore to us our founders' faith in the American Dream, as you speak "from sea to shiningsea," so we may be permitted the luxury, in life, of believing that our influence for good will be sustained after we are gone to dust.

Affectionately,

Your friends in The Ravensword Senior Center

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