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Dear Friend:

When it comes to electing Presidents . . .

... The politicians and press don't think you count.

... You may exist, but you don't count.

... You may have strong beliefs, but you don't count.

You may be a well-informed, intelligent, courageous, fair-minded citizen, but you don't count.

The reason they think you don't count is simple. They believe that Presidential candidates are selected by fools, by citizens who believe lies, evasions, half-truths and soft soap.

I simply refuse to believe that. I've based my last act of political faith on your existence. I do believe you count. That you and I can make a difference in this country.

I'm assuming you want an honest man with sound experience to be President of the United States. I also assume you'd be willing to help such a man run for office. That's why I'm writing: to ask you to judge me and if you then think I'm worthy, to send my campaign a contribution for whatever you can afford.

If you and enough other concerned, issue-oriented citizens do, we'll make some history together. We'll refute a lot of political nonsense that passes for truth in this country.

According to the conventional and miserable commentary on the ability of Americans to make political decisions, I have committed public suicide because of my willingness to speak clearly and independently on the issues. But, I feel the issues must be addressed specifically. The times are simply too difficult, too dangerous for candidates not to make clear where they stand or how they intend to approach our problems.

Let me give you three examples of how I stand on the issues:

Energy

Now is the time to consider a higher gasoline tax. A 50-cent-a-gallon "energy conservation tax" on all motor fuels could reduce our gasoline consumption by 5-10%, saving up to three-quarters of a million barrels of fuel

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