
JOHN EDWARDS

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Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

We've waited eight long years for this election.

Eight years while our planet grew sicker, our standing in the world plummeted, energy prices soared and our country has been drawn deeper and deeper into this mess in Iraq.

This November 4—just 106 days from today—marks a turning point in American history unlike any we've seen in a generation. The stakes could not be higher and the consequences of the wrong outcome could not be greater.

[REDACTED] your country and your Party need your help.

Like you, I intend to do everything I can to help Senator Obama become president. But if we don't give him a 60-seat Democratic majority in the Senate, we will miss this once-in-a-lifetime moment to truly transform our country.

It's deeply disheartening to see what's happened over the last two years. *Senate Republicans have blocked more bills than any other Congress in American history.*

But if we elect a filibuster-proof majority, WE control the agenda. And WE get the final say on who gets confirmed to the Supreme Court.

And if John McCain actually wins this election, we will be able to stop him from continuing George Bush's failed policies in Iraq and from keeping his promise to appoint more conservative judges like Samuel Alito and John Roberts.

That's why, in addition to my work on behalf of Senator Obama, I am also putting enormous energy behind the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee between now and November.

When we pulled America out of the Great Depression in the 1930s and enacted landmark civil rights legislation in the 1960s, it was with a Democratic White House and a filibuster-proof Democratic Senate.

The challenges we face today are just as great—and the solution is the same.

Help America meet the great challenges left to us by eight years of gross incompetence and dishonesty with \$150, \$200 or even \$250 to the DSCC today.

There is no other arm of the Party dedicated to the critical goal of electing a 60-seat Democratic majority in the Senate—not even the DNC.

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You can send your check back with the enclosed form or better yet, you can go to www.dscc.org/Transform and give online today.

There are many Democrats who share the DSCC's goals. In fact, a group of Democratic senators will raise one dollar for every dollar we receive through this campaign between now and August 31.

So by standing with us today, you'll be doing twice as much to help!

In 2006, the DSCC proved its ability as a political force when it engineered the Democratic takeover of the Senate by winning six seats. Their understanding of what it takes to get Democrats elected and to marshal the resources necessary to win elections is nothing short of astounding.

But this year we have 11 races where the Democratic candidate is either ahead or within striking distance—and every one of those wins represents another seat toward a filibuster-proof majority. We must seize this historic opportunity!

More races in play means we need to raise more money than in 2006. In fact, we need at least \$2.52 million by August 31 to fight off Republican smears, get our message out, do the necessary research and fund get-out-the-vote efforts on Election Day. And that support has to come from YOU.

A big key to our success is the quality of the candidates we have recruited to defeat entrenched Republican senators. I don't believe I've ever seen such a strong class of committed Democrats—each with a strong chance of winning. Here are just a few:

Congressman Mark Udall in Colorado, an environmentalist and fiery critic of the war in Iraq who faces arch-conservative Bob Schaffer for this open seat.

Congressman Tom Allen in Maine, whose focus on health care and renewable energy is already winning support away from Susan Collins, a backer of the Republican status quo.

Former Governor Jeanne Shaheen in New Hampshire, a proven progressive committed to more good-paying jobs and affordable health care, is already leading Bush enabler John Sununu in the polls.

Think about what's in front of us. We can truly take charge of the future of our country with this election in a way that has only happened a few times in our history.

We can end this terrible war in Iraq and take back our position as the moral compass of the world.

We can be the technological and intellectual leaders in the fight against global climate change instead of holding the world back.

We can take on the health care crisis afflicting so many Americans—and stop pretending that this immoral system is the best we can do.

We can start thinking big again, taking on fundamental issues like poverty and challenging injustice at every turn.

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But right now, we need every dollar we can raise so we can compete effectively—and WIN—in all 11 races where we stand a chance of gaining a seat. Please help with \$150, \$200 or even \$250 so the DSCC can seize this historic opportunity.

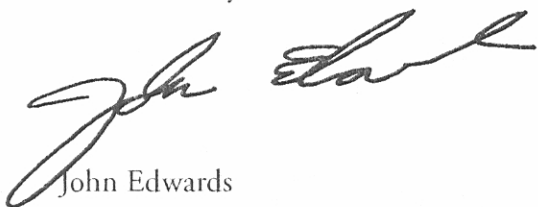
Lucinda, we are living at a moment in history that will not be repeated in our lifetime. If we miss this chance to take the initiative and pull our country out of the steep descent of the last eight years, we will not get another.

You've already seen the attacks that Barack Obama has had to endure from the Far Right. It's only going to get worse in the next few months. And the same sordid tactics will be repeated against our Senate candidates.

There is no choice but to fight. I truly believe America is ready for a new kind of politics and a new direction. But we have to fight—and keep fighting until we win.

One day we'll look back on this time and we'll be proud that we were on the right side of human progress. And we'll be even more proud because we ^{will} win.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Edwards", with a stylized, flowing script.

John Edwards

P.S. We're already in the middle of this fight and we need your help now. Remember if you contribute by August 31, your gift will be doubled. And you'll get us that much closer to our \$2.52 million goal. Please help!