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RE: Letter of November 29, 2010

Gentlemen:

I write in response to your letter of November 29, 2010.

Democratic primary voters deserve to choose their Democratic nominees. Primaries are healthy for our party, because primaries allow voters to consider new ideas and fresh perspectives from a variety of candidates. Primaries require voters to reflect upon the representation they have had in the past, and to choose the leadership they want in the years to come. It is imperative for Democratic voters of western Massachusetts – where there has not been a significant Democratic primary for any seat in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1991 – to have a choice in 2012.

Middle class families are struggling. The unemployment rate is 9.8%. Manufacturing jobs – which for decades provided an economic backbone for western Massachusetts – have declined rapidly. Indeed, 32% of all manufacturing jobs in the United States have disappeared from 2000 to 2009. Not surprisingly, while the costs of gas, groceries, college and healthcare climb, median family purchasing power during that same period has fallen by 6%. These outcomes have not happened by fluke; they result directly from the policy choices that Washington has made over the last 20 years. Our nation's present economic circumstances – and the policy choices that got us here – may cause Democratic voters to reevaluate the kind of representation they want in Washington.

Of course, the more immediate issue facing western Massachusetts Democrats is not which candidates will appear on the primary ballot in 2012, but whether the First Congressional District will remain a district comprised of small towns and small cities. This battle will pit those, such as Congressman Olver and I, who would like the district to retain its rural and small city character, against those in eastern Massachusetts who prefer districts dominated by larger cities.

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Our district currently includes 107 small cities and small towns, with Pittsfield having the largest number of voters. However, some have proposed a district that would put Berkshire, Franklin and Hampshire counties in with the city of Springfield, which threatens to "marginalize the three more rural counties" of Massachusetts (Daily Hampshire Gazette, 11/09/2010). I believe that such a scenario would be disastrous. I intend to fight to preserve the rural and small city character of the First Congressional District, and I believe this to be a battle which most concerned Democrats should fight together.

In 2012, Democratic voters in the First Congressional District will have a choice, no matter how the district is configured. My name will appear on the Democratic ballot for U.S. House of Representatives in 2012. And I trust Democrats throughout western Massachusetts will be stronger for it.

Very truly yours,

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(all by first class mail)

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