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The Honorable Joe Knollenberg
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Congressman Knollenberg,

I would like to extend my gratitude to your staff for the wonderful tour of the Capital Building that they gave my wife and I on June 30th. It was a fascinating tour and we enjoyed it immensely. My wife and I were fortunate to spend 9 days in the Capital the week of July 4th and we had a magnificent time.

We especially enjoyed the July 4th parade on Constitution Avenue. I was very happy to see so many groups of varied backgrounds marching and waving American Flags. There was only one group that did not carry an American Flag and if you are aware who organized the parade I would like to know as I plan on contacting them. I would think that if you are going to march in a parade celebrating America's Birthday than you should be carrying an American Flag.

The issue I am most concerned with in regards to the election this year is energy. Mainly because it encompasses two other important issues, economics and national security. I applaud your efforts to increase oil exploration in the US. I also support tax incentives that will encourage people to use energy more efficiently. For myself, I have installed a tankless water heater in my home as well as energy efficient light bulbs and I have added more insulation. Unfortunately none of those offer any tax deductions this year.

I would like to know if you support Sen. McCain's Lexington Project. I have read through it and I think it looks fairly promising. What hurdles do you see to actually turning it into legislation?

Although many our complaining about current high energy prices, I think it has put us at the brink of a new renaissance, if you will. This is a fantastic opportunity for Americans to develop new energy alternatives that will someday allow us to be, at the least, energy independent and at best a net energy exporter.

In closing I would like to offer my services to your campaign this year. I certainly don't have any experience in the political arena but I do have an MBA and a degree in Math and Science. On top of that I have worked in Automotive Engine and Transmission development for 15 years. I am also a veteran, serving in the Marine Corps from 1987-92.

Thank you again for your efforts and please pass on our thanks to your staff.

Best Regards,

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