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Mr. Henry Lacayo  
United Automobile Workers  
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Dear Hank:

Several months ago, I announced my intention to seek re-election to the Senate in 1982. This week I will have the opportunity to meet with COPE members to discuss my campaign plans. I am writing now to ask for your help and to invite you to a fundraising dinner at my home.

We all know the toll that was taken last year among men and women who share our convictions about economic justice. Some of the ablest members of the Senate and the House went down to defeat. They did not lose on the basis of merit. They were victims of fear and distortion -- beaten by single issue politics and vast amounts of money.

In truth, I consider it something of an honor to be the number one target of the radical Right and those who dare to call themselves the Moral Majority. I reject their simplistic view of America and our government. I oppose their anti-labor, anti-union, anti-worker bias. I intend to fight them in Massachusetts. And I intend to win.

Today, the radical Right is undertaking a national multi-million dollar fundraising drive to finance negative media nationally and in Massachusetts. They are already trumpeting the 1982 election, and particularly our Senate campaign in Massachusetts, as their chance to impose a narrow, intolerant, ungenerous society on America. So 1982 is our challenge as well -- and to meet this challenge, I need your help.

Please join me and members of my family at my home, 636 Chain Bridge Road in McLean, for cocktails and dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 1981.

I would be deeply grateful for your help and for your participation in this dinner. I look forward to being with you again on June 1.

Sincerely,

  
EDWARD M. KENNEDY

*I hope you  
can be with us.*