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Dear Friend and Fellow Democrat:

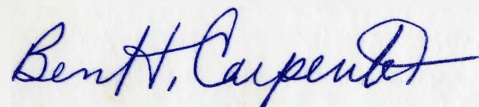
I am sure that you will agree with me that it is extremely important that the Democratic party elect the next President of the United States. It is, moreover, important that the Democratic party offer to the people of the United States as its Presidential candidate a man capable of providing dynamic leadership for the Nation during this trying period of world unrest and tension.

We Democrats learned in the 1952 and 1956 elections that the Democratic candidate for President cannot be elected to office solely by securing the approval of all of the Democratic voters. In 1960 we must remember that we will run the risk of losing the election unless we offer a candidate who can secure substantial support of a great segment of the independent voters of the Nation.

Of the available Democratic candidates, in my opinion, Lyndon B. Johnson is the only one who can secure adequate support from the Nation's independent votes. In 1960 the people of the United States are going to demand for President a man of maturity, experience, and a man of demonstrated outstanding leadership ability.

If you want a Democrat to win in 1960 and want to serve your Nation well, I urge that you use your active influence and efforts to bring about the nomination of Lyndon B. Johnson for President by the Democratic party. If you want to support him, please write to me at the above address or directly to Mr. John Connally, Director, Citizens for Johnson Committee, 1404 K Street, Washington, D. C.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben H. Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ben H. Carpenter

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