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Dear Friend,

Thank you for writing to me with your thoughts. Receiving such constructive comments helps me better understand what issues are not only important to voters, but close to the heart of many Americans.

In these challenging times, our next president must have real credentials. A lifetime of public service, a record of proven leadership, and a strong background in national security have prepared me to protect our nation and win the war against Islamic extremists. In addition, I am committed to holding together the Reagan coalition of conservative Republicans, Independents and independent thinking Democrats.

As president, I will also continue the fight to reform government. My administration will work to protect Social Security, reform health care to make it affordable and responsive to the needs of American families, provide assistance to dislocated workers, lower barriers to trade, increase our energy independence and security, and ensure our nation honors its obligations to our veterans.

My presidency will also reflect my commitment to conservative ideals. As president, you can be assured that I will appoint strict constructionist judges, veto all wasteful spending, and balance the budget. I will stand up to Democrats and fight for conservative principles, including protecting the rights of the born and unborn.

Finally, and most importantly, I will work every day to restore trust in government. As I have for more than twenty years, I will continue to fight special interests, stand up to the trial lawyers by signing tort reform laws, and create a public standard of ethics in government.

Please visit [www.JohnMcCain.com](http://www.JohnMcCain.com) for the latest news and updates about the campaign. In addition, you will find detailed answers to your questions under the Issues section. Thank you again for your correspondence and guidance.

Sincerely,

John McCain

