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An Open Letter To Al Gore

Dear Mr. Vice President:

In the dark days of December 2000, when you bravely conceded the election you knew in your heart you had won, you said:

"I do have one regret: that I didn't get the chance to stay and fight for the American people ... especially for those who need burdens lifted and barriers removed, especially for those who feel their voices have not been heard. I heard you and I will not forget."

Today we respectfully ask that you honor that pledge and hear us now.

You say you have fallen out of love with politics, and you have every reason to feel that way. But we know you have not fallen out of love with your country. And your country needs you now — as do your party and the planet you are fighting so hard to save.

"There's no higher calling than when a nation asks for you to lead. We're asking you to lead now, and we hope you'll rise to it."

— Jarrett Wold, Minot, N.D.

You have done a superhuman job of bringing world attention to this issue. But this effort needs to be raised to a higher level. Only from the Oval Office can you wield the kind of influence needed to move countries, policies and corporations to bring about meaningful change.

The period of consequences you talk about is upon us in many other equally critical areas as well. Our Constitution is being trampled and our most cherished civil liberties are in grave danger. The executive branch is not accountable to anyone. And the people most in need of a voice in this country need someone in the White House who will speak for them.

Thousands of Americans are dying needlessly in Iraq while our reputation in the world has plummeted to an all-time low. The war on terror is backfiring as our enemies grow stronger and our resources are drained in an endless and unwinnable war. This is one of the most serious foreign policy crises our country has ever faced.

You were the first American political figure to brave political waters and warn us of the perils of



starting a preemptive war in Iraq. You were right. But time to reverse the damage is running out. Given your experience, insight and the respect you enjoy among world leaders, you are uniquely positioned to bring this war to an end and restore America's good name.

As you so often say, Mr. Vice President, these are not political issues. They are *moral* issues.

That's why more than 136,000 people have signed our petition asking you to run for president in 2008. Ours is an urgent call to service on behalf of the country we love, the democracy that's slipping away from us, and a world and planet that are in peril. We write on behalf of our children and grandchildren and plead with you to lead us to a brighter future.

Many good and caring candidates are contending for the Democratic nomination. But none of them has the combination of experience, vision, standing in the world, and political courage that you would bring to the job. Nor do they have the support among voters that you enjoy and that would lead you to victory in 2008.

Mr. Vice President, there are times for politicians and times for heroes. America and the Earth need a hero right now — someone who will transcend politics as usual and bring real hope to our country and to the world. Please rise to this challenge, or you and millions of us will live forever wondering what might have been.

Sincerely yours,

Draft Gore,

on behalf of the thousands of our volunteers and the 136,000 people who signed our petition asking you to run for president



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