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Dear Stephen,

My son Al will celebrate his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Will you help make this his best birthday ever by signing the enclosed birthday card and mailing it back to me right away?

Thinking back, I remember my sweet little boy who was filled with life, full of fun, adored ice cream, and never stopped asking questions. Some things never change!

Being New York's Senator isn't an easy job. But you understand my son and you know he loves New York and he loves people. He would rather be New York's Senator than President of the United States. That's true!

I've always said to Al that he should help the middle class. Let's face it, the rich can take care of themselves but the middle class has been forgotten for a long time.

He's honest and good-hearted -- that's the way I raised him. Al's a devoted son and a real worrybird when it comes to his family. He adores children.

Al always tries to do the right thing. He says what he means although he loves to kid around, too. But he's very serious when it comes to helping New York. He never hesitates to give his opinion even when the person he's talking to disagrees with him.

I'd rather have a person who tells you what he thinks rather than a person who tries to tell you exactly what you want to hear. Wouldn't you?

Politics is rough in New York. A New York campaign is a hard campaign. Some of the newspapers don't give Al any credit for all

the things he's done to help our state. That's one of the reasons your help means so much to my son.

What can I say? Al appreciates everything you do for him and so do I. You understand that Al's just a down-to-earth fellow and that Washington hasn't changed him a bit (except that he's wiser and works even harder, if that's possible.)

Al is working especially hard now getting ready for the next campaign. Even though I'm 82 years old, I'll be helping, too.

One of the ways I'm helping my son is by gathering cards from his family, friends, neighbors, and very best supporters and presenting them to him on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

But there's one more thing I want to do: give Al a birthday present he'll never forget.

I want to raise \$60,000 for campaign commercials. So please do me a favor and include a campaign contribution along with your signed birthday card. You know how much Al will appreciate your thoughtfulness. He'll need your very best help to win this race, so please stick by him on his birthday.

Let me thank you once again for everything you've done for Al. Don't forget to send your signed birthday card and contribution back right away. I wish you the best.

Gratefully,

Mamma D'Amato