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Dear Stephen,

There's never a dull moment when you're campaigning for the United States Senate in Delaware and your sidekick is a St. Bernard pup.

With his brown and white coat, flapping ears, flopping jowls, and drooping eyes, Wilhelm is a natural-born politician.

Wagging his bushy tail, he approaches everyone he sees like a friend. Just like Will Rogers, Wilhelm never met a man, woman, or child he didn't like. He's never met an ice cream stand he didn't like, either!

I thought you'd enjoy a photo of Wilhelm and me on the Delaware campaign trail but in return, I have a favor to ask.

I'm compiling a photo album of the pets of my Senate supporters and if it isn't too much trouble, I'd love to have a picture of your cat, dog, horse, rabbit, canary, or whatever. I always get a kick out of learning the pets' names so please jot that down on the back of your photograph.

You know, Stephen, I like to think I'm pretty popular in Delaware and I'd have to say that, at some time in my Senate service, I've had the good fortune to meet most of our citizens personally.

But when Wilhelm's with me, he's the one who gets all the attention. Frankly, I'm glad he's working **with** me and not running **against** me!

While we're driving down Delaware's highways and back roads, Wilhelm has his head stuck out the window. I think he's looking for good locations for our campaign yard signs.

Wilhelm and I feel pretty good about how this campaign is going. Election Day is just 21 days away . . . that's much longer in dog time . . . but if we keep putting one paw in front of the other and making progress, we're going to win!

Over, please . . .

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In typical fashion, my opponent is running lots of negative ads that doggedly attack my record of service.

Of course the next 21 days will tell the tail but if you'll be good enough to help me again, I'm optimistic and confident we will win, and so is Wilhelm.

When you send along the photograph of your pet, will you please include a campaign contribution to help me buy the newspaper ads, yard signs, radio spots, and TV commercials I'll need to win this race?

There's no denying that we're entering a critical phase of our re-election race and the campaign is heating up.

But if you'll send your financial help once more, I'm convinced we can raise the urgently needed funds to keep Wilhelm and me on the campaign trail.

More importantly your financial help will keep our television and radio ads running.

For Wilhelm and me, thanks for everything you've done already to bring me to this point. I'm so grateful for your generosity and appreciative of your loyalty.

With the extraordinary help of a good friend like you, I know we'll be celebrating a great victory together on Election Day.

Sincerely yours,

William V. Roth, Jr.  
United States Senator

P.S. If you think our re-election campaign is going to the dogs, you're right! My pet, pal, and partner Wilhelm and I are hard at work on the campaign trail and we're making progress every day. Your extra help will carry me to victory and I'll be proud to have it. And I can't wait to include your pet's picture in our new photo album.