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Dear friend and neighbor,

We teach our children Robert Frost's poem because it contains one of the most important lessons about being an American.

It's about standing up for what you believe in, even if that's not always the safest or most popular thing to do...a lesson that too many people in government have forgotten.

Proving the cynics wrong

Two years ago, when I ran for office for the first time, I rejected the path that most politicians take—the road littered with false promises, greed, and politics as usual.

The cynics told me I didn't stand a chance. Then, after I was voted into Congress, the cynics said I wouldn't survive, that eventually everyone sells out to the Washington special interests.

Two years later, I'm proud to prove them wrong. I've stuck to the path of seeing to it that the business of the people gets done.

Keeping your trust

I refused all campaign contributions from special interest PACs and co-sponsored a law to make it illegal for Members of Congress to receive gifts from lobbyists. I continue to back term limits and vow to serve no more than 8 years in office. And I donated my pay raise to local organizations that fight to protect women from domestic violence.

On the right path

Choosing the right path is the most important choice any public servant can ever make. It's the path I chose as a prosecutor and now as a Congressman. I've fought for reform even at the risk of angering Congressional leaders who oppose change. But so much more needs to be done.

I appreciate your support in this election year.

Marty Meehan

"If other members of Congress had half the courage that Marty Meehan has, America would have a balanced budget every day of the year."

— Paul Tsongas

Fought for term limits for Members of Congress

Proposed campaign finance reform to limit spending in Congressional races and abolish special interest PACs

Bucked the line-item veto

Bucked his own party by supporting the balanced budget amendment

Against party leaders, signed and pushed for the A to Z bill to cut wasteful programs

Created 120 jobs by brokering the financing of Tri-Star Technologies in Methuen

Negotiated a deal to move Nynex to Lowell, saving jobs

Founded the first-ever Manufacturing Task Force in Congress pushing for targeted cuts in capital gains taxes and tax credits for American manufacturers

Rejected his automatic pay raise and gave it to women's groups fighting domestic violence

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MARTY MEEHAN
"By contrast, freshmen like our own U.S. Rep. Marty Meehan (D-Lowell) have shown the spunk of new blood, challenging the old ways by supporting bipartisan new ideas for rules reform and spending limits."

—Boston Herald
7/10/94

"U.S. Rep. Martin Meehan has proven that it is possible for a politician to...do the right thing...Meehan has shown some real political leadership."

—The Boston Sunday Globe
2/21/93

"Rep. Meehan was the most conscientious deficit-fighter in the entire Massachusetts Congressional Delegation."

—The Lowell Sun
3/3/94