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Dear Bud:

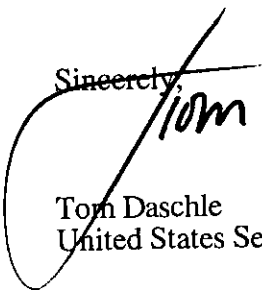
I deeply appreciate your kind comments regarding my election as Senate Democratic Leader. It is an honor to be chosen for this position. I am very grateful not only for my colleagues' vote of confidence, but also for friends like you who offered encouragement throughout this race.

Our nation faces great challenges, and I have been given a tremendous opportunity to help make the changes the American people want in Washington. Most of my colleagues understand the importance of putting partisan politics aside, building consensus and moving responsible legislation forward. But we will not abandon our core principles in the process. I am eager to work with the new Republican majority in Congress this year to address the pressing problems that face us as a nation. I hope they will respond in a similar spirit.

So again, Bud, thank you for your kind comments. Linda and I wish you the best for the New Year. Please stay in touch.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,


Tom Daschle
United States Senate

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