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***Dear Members of Congress:***

My name is Bill Watkins, my relation to to the United States Government as follows: U.S. Citizen, born in Pasadena, California 7-18-1972. I'm the nephew of former Secretary of Energy, Admiral James D. Watkins. I am currently un-registered as a voter, living mostly in Guanajuato, Mexico since 2019. I moved there for economic, personal and political reasons.

For a time I stayed away from the U.S., after researching history enough to know our poor record regarding the region's First Peoples. I've circled back in a Christian effort to *love* and be of service to an often-broken political discourse in Washington and beyond. What I see on Twitter and in the news reflects too frequently a verbal warfare with no winners but the devil himself. Division, one-upping, put-downs, even *name-calling*!

If the nation's leaders can't abide by a certain level of mutual respect and decorum, how can the people you all represent? Shame on us for allowing the level of discourse to drop this low. I pray for us to act and do right, a prayer good for anyone – not just political representatives. It's a broad, ambitious call to better comportment that I am making, and I do so pledging my support, assistance and presence whenever needed.

I have begun a campaign to call every congressional office with a message of love. With an invitation to a Love Event I have envisioned in the nation's capital. Let's "change the station" from the rants, finger-pointing, judging and... *Name Calling*! We know such behavior is wrong, so let's collectively put an end to it! I invite us to *Love* one another as fellow human beings. Those seeking asylum south of America's political border, too, are human beings.

If the United States cannot be counted on for the humane and respectful treatment of *all* people, I think it should be disbanded, rethought, and re-structured. Did we ever get consensus of the First People here regarding the name for our country? That's a fair question, in my opinion, but if it offends the entitled beneficiary of war spoils in you, I am sorry. We need to have open dialogue, consider all ideas and solutions to today's challenges.

And may the Office of Congressional Ethics along with the Federal Election Commission now and forever disallow *debasing, crude and lewd behavior by our leaders in or on their way into office*. Our leaders should serve with dignity, and give respect to folks with different opinions. Let's turn over a new leaf in Washington, and show the world that true men and women *communicate* with those we dispute.

If the Nazarene Rabbi's "Love your enemy" isn't accessible to all, can we at least expect a basic attempt to be *CIVIL* with those with whom we disagree? If you, Members, do not know how to get along in the playground that is Washington D.C., you need a "Timeout," perhaps a well-constructed Orientation Program for national leaders. In the meantime, join me soon for your favorite foods and music to celebrate the Good Stuff we have, instead of the deplorable whining I've been seeing on Twitter lately.

God Bless this Nation.



—Love, William "Bill" Watkins  
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