



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

## War is not healthy for children and other living things.

Who could disagree? Yet war persists because peacemaking is not a national priority. Our political parties have not led the way to peace. As Chairperson of your party you are responsible for your party's platform.

Therefore, I urge you to place the following language in your party's 2004 Platform.

### **Peace is a National Priority**

The pursuit of peace must be an integral policy of our government. As leaders we must be committed to its accomplishment with the same dedication to preventing war that we demonstrate in preparing for war. The threat from terrorism and weapons of mass destruction makes peace a practical necessity. Peace is, and must be, a national priority.

Getting Peace on the Platform is just the first step. After the election, I expect to see actions that make these powerful words real. Our elected officials must see to it that our children are educated as peacemakers and our citizens have jobs that do not depend upon warmaking.

Our children and all living things depend upon you!

Sincerely,

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