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Paul E. Tsongas
United States Senator
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Dear Senator Tsongas:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend and congratulate you for your courageous vote on the Senate Resolution calling for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics.

It is my opinion that you have demonstrated a cool headed, rational approach to a highly emotional and little understood issue. It is unfortunate that the rest of our Democratic Senators allowed themselves to be stampeded into a blatantly political act without fully debating the issue.

I feel that a boycott of the Games is an election year sham to hoodwink the public. It will accomplish nothing and will only obscure the underlying issues of foreign policy that should be addressed. The President and the Congress, with few exceptions, are taking a pro-military position that would have been ridiculous just three months ago.

We, in Massachusetts, are indeed fortunate to have a man of your caliber as our Senator. I feel confident that you will continue to speak out as a reasonable man in these months of dangerous military posturing.

Again, my admiration and thanks.

Sincerely,

Tom

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