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Abigail

January 15, 1983

Dear Paul,

The news of your decision not to be a candidate in the upcoming election was a real shock to Stuart and myself, and to most of our Sierra Club members in Massachusetts, I'm sure. You truly represent us, there in the Senate, and many of us planned to work for your reelection. You made us proud to be "from Massachusetts".

You probably know that you are one of the few Senators around the country for whom there never was any question about the National Club endorsement. That endorsement has been enthusiastically given by our national and local SCCOPE Committees.

We're not urging you to reconsider for several reasons, chief being that we think we have observed you in office enough to know you would not make such an important decision except from very carefully thought out personal and political reasons - convictions and realities. You have our deep sympathy that such a difficult choice was necessary.

With very best wishes from us both,  
for now and always

Abigail and Stuart

Abigail and Stuart Avery

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P.S. The above was written Friday morning. Stuart had gone into his office, with his eldest son, so I read it to him over the phone. "That's good," he said. "Send it". However we were having a family gathering on the occasion of his mother's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, so I didn't get it off Friday. Yesterday morning, Saturday, he died quietly at home here, with family about, of lung cancer. This was our last joint "political" action, and I'm glad it was for you.

Abigail