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Rally for Solidarity  
Faneuil Hall, Boston

Dear Friends:

The events now transpiring in Poland are a travesty of justice and a brutal denial of human rights. We must lay the blame for this brutality at the doorstep of the Soviet Union. And the Soviet Union should know that there is a price to pay for such repression. That price will be paid economically, diplomatically and in the court of world opinion.

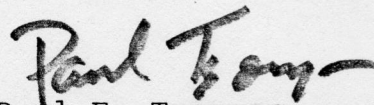
This rally and march is not an isolated gathering. You are not alone in your support of the human and political rights of Solidarity and the Polish people. Together with the many who gather today and who gathered yesterday and will gather tomorrow and the day after that and the day after that, we can bring to bear a mighty force of world opinion. We say no to this brutal disregard of the right of the Polish people to determine their own destiny and to address and solve the problems of their own country.

It is indeed unfortunate that our government decided some months ago to lift the grain embargo imposed on the Soviets in response to their invasion of Afghanistan. I opposed that action because it was the wrong message to send to the Soviets and it compromises the effectiveness of the actions recently taken by the President.

As Americans, we should appreciate the great gift of freedom. We should stand again and again with free people everywhere to bring the force of millions of voices to bear on this brutality imposed on Poland. In the words of Ambassador Spasowski, "Don't be silent, Americans. To defend freedom is your tradition. Show your solidarity, show your support, show your humanitarian support to those who are in need at this hour."

I was part of your demonstration in this same place on Sunday, December 20. Unfortunately, I cannot join you in person today. I hope my words will express my support and solidarity with you. Make your voices heard on behalf of freedom as you are doing now.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator