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The Honorable Joseph DioGuardi
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Dear Joe,

I'm sorry to be late responding to your fax. Things suddenly got busy for us -- first with inauguration parties and then because of my committee role the two constitutional amendments we've been dealing with -- the balanced budget and term limits. I gather people didn't pick up on the op-ed -- at least nowhere that I saw. I'm sorry about that because I think you did a good job and of course I was flattered to be included.

A new task force has been appointed to look into this and I have told Jim Hansen I would work with him on it. Of course since I was myself in trouble and got reprimanded, I think it's no longer appropriate for me to take as prominent a role as I took back then, but I will pass along this idea and remind them that we made the suggestion years ago which would have saved a lot of trouble. I think there is a real chance for us to move in this direction.


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