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WILLIAM F. WALSH
THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT
NEW YORK

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Dear John:

Somehow I failed to learn of your retirement until very recently.

As usual, we are spending the summer months at Otisco Lake and we have no regular newspaper delivery. I just wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your decision to retire and to wish you and Margaret the very best of health and happiness in long years ahead.

Your contribution to the community through the wise guidance you gave the Gifford Foundation in the selection of its grants have earned you respect and admiration from thousands of your fellow citizens.

I look forward to joining you on retirement in January.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

W. F. Walsh

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Member of Congress

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