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## U.S. Senator Ron Wyden http://wyden.senate.gov



## Dear Mr. Bugingo:

Thank you for contacting me to express your frustrations with the current political climate. It's so important that young people like yourself get involved in the political process, and I apologize for the delay in my response.

Americans from across the political spectrum are hungry for a new direction in American politics and a new way of doing business in Washington. I share your belief that to accomplish this, the partisan bickering must end. I have always said that tackling the major issues facing our country can only be done in a bipartisan manner, and I hope my record of reaching across the aisle speaks for itself.

From 1997 until 2009, I served with then-Senator Gordon Smith. I consider the relationship that Senator Smith and I developed over those years to be a bipartisan cooperation success story. After having been opponents in a hotly contested election in 1996, we learned to put our partisan differences behind us and to think of each other as friends -- freely speaking our minds with one another. As a result, we were able to work together successfully on many occasions for the good of Oregon.

Although Senator Smith is no longer serving in Congress, I hope that many of my colleagues will see such friendships across the aisle as tremendous assets -- even when folks may disagree with each other. I believe that when Senators work together, common sense solutions can be found and countless people in need can be helped. Please be assured that I will continue working with all of my Senate colleagues, regardless of party, to ensure that real progress is achieved.

Again, thank you for keeping me apprised of your views on this important issue. If I may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ron Wyden
United States Senator

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