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The Honorable Joe Biden and Family
United States Senate
201 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Vice President-elect Biden and Mrs. Biden:

Congratulations on this historic win.

We understand that you are interested in getting a "big dog." As second in command, we hope that you will follow President-elect Obama's lead and make a world of difference for those without hope by adopting a "pound puppy" from an animal shelter rather than buying a dog from a breeder or pet store. Buying dogs exacerbates the nation's animal overpopulation crisis, while adopting saves lives!

Every year, U.S. animal shelters are forced to euthanize millions of wonderful, deserving dogs and cats because of the lack of good homes—and large dogs have an especially difficult time finding adoptive families.

America's eyes are now on you, and as you prepare to take office, you are in a terrific position to showcase the "Great American Mut" —the mixed-breed dog—and give hope to at least one of our nation's neediest individuals.

We would be honored to help your family chose a dog. Please let us know if we can assist you. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Ingrid E. Newkirk
President and Founder

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