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Dear Friends,

Your support for my prospective candidacy for Manhattan District Attorney has been overwhelming. Many of you have sent checks. Others have made generous contribution pledges. And all of you have expressed enthusiastic support for my desire to serve in public office.

The campaign for Manhattan District Attorney is an extraordinarily steep undertaking for a Republican, though -- even for a progressive one like me, who is pro-choice, gun control, and gay marriage, and is adamantly opposed to the death penalty. The registration disadvantage for Republicans in this borough is daunting, to say the least.

I knew that going in, however, and I have been building a campaign infrastructure preparing to run despite the odds.

Unexpected political opportunities have arisen in the near future, however, with greater chances of success. After much consideration in recent days, and upon the advice of top campaign experts, I have decided to set my sights on those opportunities.

Serving as Manhattan District Attorney would have been an extraordinary honor, but the timing for my candidacy is not right. Those of you who already have donated to my campaign will receive refunds in full and my enduring thanks for your loyalty and friendship. (And I may be calling to ask for your support again!)

Nothing will change my principles, or my commitment to public service. I am hopeful to have the opportunity to serve my city and state in public office in the years ahead, and I will keep you apprised of my efforts towards that end, so please stay tuned!

I am tremendously grateful for the warm and generous support I have received from family, friends, and concerned citizens, and for the support I have received from the great public servants in the Republican and Liberal parties.

With all best wishes,

Gregory T. Camp