Dear Mr. Hixelmann,

I just learned that the Governor passed away yesterday. My wife and I offer our deepest sympathies to you and your family. I regret that 2,000 miles prevent us from attending the funeral.

It was a rare privilege for me to have been able to work with the Governor even if only for a few years.

I know that it will be futile to try and match the eloquent words that will decry the accomplishments and career of the Governor. I shall always think of him as a fine gentleman — in the full meaning and sense of the word.

His loss is a blow not just to a local reform movement but to the very fibre of morality in public life. It puts a tremendous burden on that of us who remain, to continue without his strength and guidance.

Sincerely,

[Signature] Dick Brown