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Dear Brian:

Greetings from Indiana!

I have intended to send you a note on multiple occasions—usually to compliment you for a specific *Washington Journal* show—but the days kept rolling by, and one good show was soon replaced by another.

So, quickly, allow me to salute you for Sunday night's Q & A with Senator Russ Feingold: that was a great discussion. It marked the first time I heard the senator acknowledge that the door was open to a presidential run in 2008. And it motivated me to write two letters—this one, and another to a high school classmate who married Sen. Feingold's brother. I actually listened to the interview on the Monday morning replay on XM Radio.

I've also been meaning to thank you for recommending XM to me. I last saw you in February 2003 when my daughter [REDACTED] and I enjoyed a tour of the C-SPAN premises with former Marionite, Peter Kiley. You remembered that I was commuting from Marion to Indianapolis daily (about 90 minutes each way) – and you shared with me how much you were enjoying satellite radio through XM.

I ended up purchasing the XM equipment and signing on in late 2003, just in time to focus on the 2004 presidential election. I have loved the satellite radio experience: *Washington Journal* is my staple on my morning commute. And since I am a baseball fan, I am looking forward to the new 24-hour baseball channel beginning its broadcasts and all the games being available.

[REDACTED] is now a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin, where she is on the way to being a political science major. You gave our other daughter, [REDACTED] and I a C-SPAN tour years ago. [REDACTED] is now finishing a three-year double masters program at UCLA. And our son [REDACTED] an IU graduate, is working in Chicago for We the People Media, a

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group that works with tenants of the Chicago Housing Authority in publishing a newspaper, *Residents' Journal*.

I just finished my fourth year with the Independent Colleges of Indiana, the umbrella group for the state's 31 independent colleges and universities. I am really enjoying the work; the post involves lobbying for need-based student aid, fundraising, working on how our member campuses can work together, and grant administration.

My wife [REDACTED] works harder: she's a second grade teacher in Marion.

Back to C-SPAN: The coverage during the presidential election season was a gift. Hearing folks call in on open phones or responding to a specific question is a continuing reminder of how people can interpret the same facts in the same context in such remarkably different ways. And your great line remains on target: "That person behind you in the grocery line may be the whack job you heard on *Washington Journal* the same morning" – how true!

I just wanted to say hello, thank you for the Feingold interview and the '04 coverage, and encourage you to keep up the good work! And say hello to Peter for me.

Best wishes,

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