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Dad:

I appreciate that you feel I have erred in judgment on my decision to run. Below is from the 2nd paragraph of the Declaration of Independence. Note the last sentence.

whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

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We both agree that the country is on the wrong track on many issues. We both agree that the future of the country and the health of our society is at great risk.

I know that you care about the future of country more than anyone. There is no one that has more influence from a non-elected position to change the direction of the country than you. Yet, we continue down a pathway which puts our future and the future of the next generations at risk.

You and I have the incredibly good fortune to have lives that are prosperous and fortunate. Neither of us can say we created our wealth without the absolute support of family and community. The very fact that we have such good fortune, and at the same time, we have the explicit knowledge that our current leadership is flawed and dangerous leads to the conclusion that it is our **duty** to step up and make the necessary changes. To ignore these realities says to the founders of our country that we, who have benefited the most, don't care, and worse, that we reject their vision of an electorate that is active and self deterministic. We risk falling into the very trap outlined in the paragraph above: "*... that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.*"

To this end, and in the same light as we decided to change the direction of Barrington Hills, we must change the direction of the country. I hope this will help you better understand my decision, as difficult of a prospect as it is, to move forward. Your advice and perspective has very great weight with me and Patricia.

B.