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Dear Friend:

Every Ohioan has known for a while that something has gone wrong in Ohio. It has only been during the last year that it has become clear that Ohio's future has been auctioned off piece by piece to the highest bidder. As Democrats, we have a duty to build a strong statewide ticket in 2006 that will restore the trust and confidence of Ohio citizens and can begin to restore Ohio's future.

Even more than in most years, our Democratic nominee for Attorney General will play a crucial role on the ticket. Ohioans must see our nominee as someone who is above the political fray, who will hold himself and those working for him to the highest standards of integrity, and who has a proven track record for putting the law to work on behalf of all Ohioans, instead of against them.

While other Democrats may enter the race, I am writing to introduce you to the person who can best fill this role and is the best choice for our ticket: Subodh Chandra.

Subodh first impressed me almost 20 years ago when he was the head of the Stanford University Democrats. After he graduated, I persuaded him to help me launch the International Participation Project, which trained young leaders from emerging Central and Eastern European democracies in the basic skills of campaigns and elections.

After graduating from the Yale Law School, Subodh began building a legal career, in both the private and public sectors, where he has shown the characteristics that will make him a great Attorney General.

As a federal prosecutor, Subodh fought corruption and fraud in the health-care industry and used the law to protect patients from exploitation.

As Cleveland's Director of Law, Subodh turned the city's Law Department into "the people's law firm" and put it to work on behalf of Cleveland residents. He rooted out corruption and saved taxpayers millions of dollars. While the Ohio Attorney General was giving predatory lenders free reign, Subodh led the Cleveland Law Department in its fight to protect elderly victims from being cheated out of their homes.

Most recently, Subodh has taught legal ethics at Case Law School, passing on his high ethical standards to the next generation of attorneys.

One of the things I learned in public life is that Ohioans want candidates who will do more than just make promises. They want leaders who have actually solved problems.

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Subodh is unique in that he doesn't just talk about cleaning up government—he's done it. While others only make promises, Subodh has a real record of protecting taxpayers and cleaning up corruption.

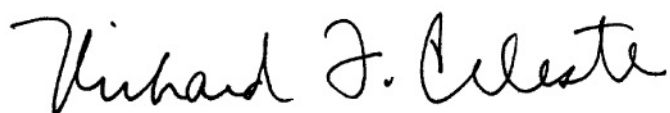
There is no one better prepared to lead the charge against the cronyism that has infected state government. Subodh will restore the public's trust by providing the vigilant oversight that Ohio's government has been lacking.

In my view, Subodh's deep convictions, tenacity, and real-world accomplishments make an unbeatable combination. He will not only make an effective candidate. He will serve as a great Attorney General. He will bring energy to the Democratic ticket and integrity to the office.

Two years ago, Subodh and his wonderful wife, Meena, welcomed their triplet sons into the world. Parenthood changes all of us and I think in Subodh's case, it has made him even more driven to restore the kind of future for our state that we Democrats have worked so hard to build.

I ask you to please review the enclosed information about Subodh and consider helping him in every way you can. I hope you will join me in supporting Subodh Chandra for Attorney General as part of a strong Democratic ticket that will make Ohio proud.

Best regards,



Richard F. Celeste

P.S. As a crucial first step in supporting Subodh Chandra for Attorney General, please make a generous contribution to his campaign today. Subodh has a long track record of fighting corruption, making him the perfect choice for Attorney General. He will be a tremendous asset to the Democratic ticket.