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Dear Mr. Presidential Candidate:

I am a resident of the great State of Ohio, where with God all things are possible. I know that you are having a difficult time with our state ballot and that certain camps have plotted against your name being placed on the ballot in the fine State of Ohio. For those reasons, while it may not ultimately prove successful, I wanted to offer my services to you and your stretch run in the grand State of Ohio.

Is there anything that you need in the line of last minute help? Could I maybe lick some stamps for your mailings? Maybe I could drive through my town and the neighboring communities of Huron and Castalia with a loud speaker encouraging people to vote for you. If I were to do that, would you happen to have any pre-written remarks that I could just repeat over and over? I don't want to say anything untrue or improper and have that attributed to you or to your campaign. Maybe I could even have a cassette tape of your message in your own voice in my car tape deck. I could convert my CB radio into a loud speaker and just play the tape through my CB radio and drive through town. If I were to do that, would you cover gasoline and mileage expenses, or would that have to come out of my own pocket?

I may have talked my friend, Felix, into registering to vote, but I think he may vote for George W. Bush. In that case, should I maybe discourage him from voting at all? I know that the Kerry people are saying that a vote for Ralph Nader is a vote for George Bush and that got me to thinking. If you vote for George Bush when you are a candidate yourself, maybe you really DO want Bush to remain our nation's President, so maybe I will not discourage Felix from voting. He is a curious fellow, you know, so he would probably wonder why I encouraged him to vote and then turned around and pulled a 180° on his ass! I don't usually use swear words, but since that is the Democratic Party mascot, I figured it was okay to say it here.


Another idea I had was that for all of the counties that use computer sheet ballots where you color in the little circles, we could secretly replace all of the Board of Elections' stashes of pencils with number 3 pencils. That way, none of the votes for Bush or Kerry will register, so if we reach enough people and get them all to write in Ralph Nader, then you could carry the whole state! The only Bush or Kerry votes that get tallied would be from people who carry their own

number 2 pencils around with them, and we could maybe implement a “no foreign object” rule at all of the polling booths, kind of like the NFL did last year in response to Terrell Owens’ sharpie pen and Joe Horn’s cell phone.

As for those counties that still use the butterfly ballots, I have a friend, Chad Hicks, who might be able to offer some advice on that. If people punch out multiple chads, then their Presidential votes will also be uncounted. Chad has gotten punched out numerous times himself because he is a bit of an ass -- I mean he is a Democrat -- and he gets pretty belligerent at times. But Chad suggested that we tell voters that the country needs two presidents and try to convince them to vote for more than one candidate pair.

Anyway, I know it is late in the game, but I was busy with some other things that I had to finish up before I could write to you and offer my services. Please contact me and let me know if you could use me or any of my ideas in your campaign stretch run. But by the way, I will NOT be available for volunteer work on the weekend prior to Election Day and on that Monday or Tuesday because my church is sponsoring a mission for all of its members in effort to get them more involved in the stewardship way of life. This will take up my evenings from October 30th through November 3rd. So I will miss Trick-or-Treat night AND Election night myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rusty Lucas".

Rusty Lucas

p.s. Do you have any free Ralph Nader Campaign baseball caps. I am looking for something suitable for wearing during my volunteer citizenship services. I am really not interested in campaign buttons or bumper stickers or feather boas as I have no real use for any of those items, but a baseball cap will work nicely.