

WALTER F. MONDALE

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Dear Sata-san:

As the impacts of the Tohoku Pacific earthquake unfold, the people of Minnesota continue to follow the events in Japan with concern and empathy.

Minnesota has been enriched by cultural, economic and educational partnerships that are diverse and enduring. We are grateful for your ongoing cooperation and generous hospitality. We feel deep respect and admiration for the resilience and resourcefulness of the Japanese people, even in the face of the great adversity.

On behalf of the people of Minnesota, please accept our profound condolences during this challenging time. We wish you the very best as you partake in the next phase of relief and rebuilding initiatives in Japan.

Sincerely,



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