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Thanksgiving Message, November 2009

Dear Friends,

During this season of giving thanks, Connie and I want to thank you for your kindness and support. Your commitment to Ohio and our nation makes our neighborhoods grow stronger and our families more prosperous.

St. Augustine wrote, "Hope has two beautiful daughters. Their names are anger and courage: anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they do not remain the way they are."

Across Ohio, the economic challenges we face can too often breed anger and fear. But in every corner of our state, I see the abiding courage and hope of students at our colleges and universities, seniors and veterans in our communities, factory workers and entrepreneurs in our businesses. The character of our state shines the brightest when we show the courage to be a generous society.

The Reverend Kenneth Chalker, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Cleveland, recently wrote in a newspaper column about a congregant who, despite suffering from a debilitating disease, affirms that "people are basically kind, that there is a remarkable and resilient spirit animating our human flesh that is the source of our freedom and love of liberty and each other." Despite his physical challenges, the congregant remains full of hope – for himself and for all of us.

For some of us, that resilient spirit is grounded in a religious faith. For others, it is the faith in each other, faith that our nation is big enough and diverse enough to pursue equal rights, economic opportunity, and social justice for all.

From Ashtabula to Belpre to Columbus to Dayton, I see the hopeful spirit of the people of Ohio, who show the courage to act and overcome these challenging economic times.

For that courage, compassion, and so much more, I'm honored to serve as your United States Senator and give thanks and best wishes to you and your family for a blessed holiday season.

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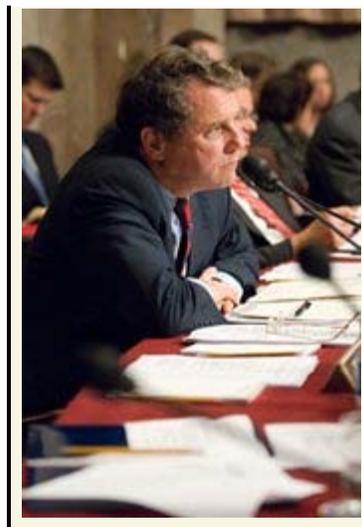
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