

April 12, 2021

Dear Pete,

I want to present my condolences for the loss of your father. Al and I worked together first in 1970 when I was running an education program at the American Friends Service Committee (A.F.S.C.) in Pasadena, the purpose of which was to work with school staff to confront racial bias issues. It was such a pleasure to work collaboratively with your dad as we created dialogues with these groups of school employees who so often were very candid about their prejudices, and right in front of each other! I admired your dad and really enjoyed working with him. Not long afterwards, he and your mom were supportive of my candidacy for congress, hosting coffees at your home and encouraging folks to contribute to the campaign. I know he had a long and productive life, but it is never easy for family to lose the face to face pleasure of relating to a loved one.

We hope to spend a month in your neighborhood this summer (end July to end August, if things work out), and it would be great to see you and your family. My wife Sherrie is living with what they now refer to as a chronic illness (pancreatic cancer), but she is *living*, and for that we are deeply grateful. I would hope that we might have the pleasure of seeing you and your wife this summer.

In the meantime, our best wishes to you and your family.

Kind regards,


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