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The University of Notre Dame
Attention: Mr. Charlie Weis
Department of Athletics
C106 Joyce Center
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Dear Coach Weis:

I am thoroughly excited about the renewed energy and enthusiasm which you are bringing back to Notre Dame, and would like to extend a hearty personal welcome. As a graduate who was spoiled by the success under former coach Lou Holtz, along with many other alumni I have yearned for the time when ND's football program returns to a time when high levels of expectations are being met with high levels of achievement. I am particularly encouraged that the administration was prudent enough to choose a head coach who—being and alumni as well—truly understands the Notre Dame spirit and what a special place it is.

I must admit, when I first heard the announcement in early December, it was received with mixed emotions. Having grown up in New Hampshire as a die-hard Patriots fan, I naturally shared the common concerns. But your incredible commitment and work ethic only further validated your selection as the 28th head football coach of the Fighting Irish. Congratulations as well on another incredible season with New England.

It is an understatement to say that I am looking forward to next season with a renewed sense of confidence. Though I recognize that major changes cannot happen overnight, I remain convinced that the future is bright.

Sincerely,

Chris Fillio '90