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Dear Friend:

On April 16 and 17th I will join Dana College in Blair, Nebraska (near Omaha) in sponsoring a conference titled "American Prison and Sentencing Policy: Developing a National Agenda." I have attached an agenda for the conference which lists invited speakers. I hope that you can attend and participate.

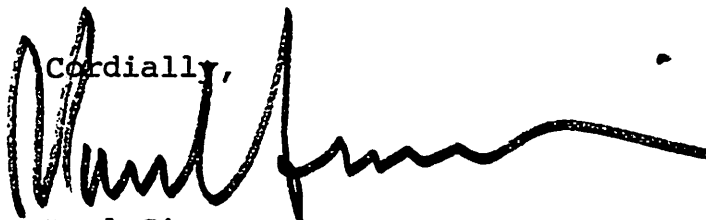
Between 1980 and 1990, the U.S. prison population increased over 125 percent and corrections spending almost doubled. The U.S., with more than one million people in jail and prison, has the highest number of people in prison in any nation and an incarceration rate higher than any industrial nation. I believe we must begin to explore ways to modify our sentencing and prison policy without reducing public safety in any way.

This conference will examine U.S. prison and sentencing policy, consider socially and fiscally responsible alternatives, and discuss the direction of our policies in the 1990's. We hope to bring together policymakers and other professionals from around the nation with differing viewpoints on these issues. My hope is that the conference will not only stimulate discussion on something that is really vital to crime control in the nation, but also result in modification of current policy.

I hope you can join us for the conference. For additional information about the conference, please contact the Dana Public Relations Office at (402) 426-7215.

My best wishes.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Simon", written over the word "Cordially,".

Paul Simon
U.S. Senator