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Dear Oprah,

Hello! I hope that this letter finds you doing well. I am an independent filmmaker and wanted to let you know about my film **Considering Democracy: 8 Things to Ask Your Representative**. It's quite difficult for independent, political films to be picked up for distribution, so I'm doing it myself. I've arranged a screening tour, and will be driving in my car to the different screenings. It will be screening in Chicago on Tuesday, October 7th at 8:00pm in the Gene Siskel Film Center.

What is the film about? I wanted to learn more about how the U.S. compares to other industrial democracies, so I cashed out my educational retirement, bought a camera and left by myself to go and find out. I am a single female, and have pretty much stayed a single as I have edited this film. (It takes a long time to edit a film!) I've previously worked in education, starting out as the At-Risk Coordinator and teacher of an alternative high school on the Navajo Native American reservation, while at my last job, I was the Educational Manager for the Bridge Project and worked out of the housing projects of Denver. I quit my day job to finish promote my film and follow my dreams. It was one thing to finish the film and now I'm trying to promote it. I also completed a small tour of the South, which involved over 5,000 miles of driving from screening to screening (and only slept in the car once!). People seem to really like the film because it goes over issues that are rarely covered in the U.S. media, yet the information is delivered in a way that doesn't make people depressed. It's quite an engaging political documentary that looks at how people outside of the U.S. view us, as well as how we compare.

Considering Democracy seeks to get more information and rationality based discussion in the United States on issues that affect all Americans. It seeks to engage Americans to be active participants and drive the debate as we approach the elections. One does need a sense of persistence, as well as the will to overcome, thus I admire your show. I don't have an agent, but I thought I would try to contact you anyway. There's also more information online at <http://consideringdemocracy.com>. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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