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To: Editor, Globe

Since you made so much of the fact that U.S. Attorney William Weld, who is responsible for government prosecutions in the District of Massachusetts, sat next to me at the trial of my son, Edward Hasbrouck, it seems appropriate for me to send Mr. Weld my holiday greetings through you.

On behalf of all those young men currently being prosecuted for not registering for the draft, or fearing that they might be prosecuted, and their families and friends, thank you, Mr. Weld, for all you are doing to make our holidays happy and our prospects for the new year bright.

On behalf of all those who espouse the ideals of our founding fathers and are working to keep this country a land of those ideals; who are willing, like them, to take a public stand on behalf of their beliefs and their fellow men; thank you, Mr. Weld, for working to quiet such voices of dissent and discourage ^{both} those who act according to their consciences and our country's principles and those who respect them for their courage and honesty.

On behalf of all those who worry about the possible results of peace time draft registration, which is not in keeping with our country's history, thank you, Mr. Weld, for reinforcing uneasy feelings that a draft is imminent.

On behalf of all those who asked why we were in Vietnam and brought enough public pressure to bear to cause the end of that conflict, thank you, Mr. Weld, for all you are doing to help us remember that actions that used to be called Jingoist are now seen as necessary wars of intervention, for which we must keep prepared.

Oh behalf of all those who elected Ike president so he would bring our boys home from Korea, thank you, Mr. Weld, for all you are doing to make it easier to send our boys somewhere else.

On behalf of all those who served in World Wars I or II and their families, thank you, Mr. Weld. During those times, when our country was fighting both to help others who had been injured and to defend itself, they did its bidding. We hope you appreciate all that they sacrificed, from all of their lives to large parts of their lives. And parents, who are, ideally, expected to be loving and giving and generous were expected to give their children for the benefit of all and urge them into battle. Thank you for working to ensure that parents and children today can be equally privileged. Some might learn from the suffering of one age, but you seem ready to inflict the same suffering on another age.

May this season's love and joy of life, compassion and understanding of family members, and hope for peace on earth fill your heart and mind and may you find peace within yourself and with your fellow men for the rest of your life.

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