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THOMAS E. DEWEY
GOVERNOR

December 11, 1946

Honorable Harry F. Kelly
Governor of Michigan
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Harry:

Your return to private life after eight years of devoted public service is indeed a loss to the people of Michigan. They have had from you as Governor for the last four years an enlightened and progressive administration which stands out in the history of the State. It made me more than ever proud that I was born and reared in Michigan. It made me exceedingly proud to be able to call you a fellow Republican and friend.

I can sympathize with your desire to return to private life, since I know you served the people of the State for eight years at great personal sacrifice. I hope you will enjoy a well-earned rest from the cares of public office and the opportunity once again adequately to enjoy the fruits of your fine talents at the bar, as well as the chance to enjoy some leisure with your wonderful family.

At the same time, permit me to express the hope that the Republican Party will continue to have the benefit not only of your support and encouragement, but of your active interest.

With all best wishes and warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

TED:LR

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Dewey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.