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Dear Mrs. Cheney:

Enclosed is a copy of *The Presence of Others*, an anthology for college writing courses that includes a section from your book *Telling the Truth*. I was especially delighted to include "PC: Alive and Entrenched" (pp. 112-23) in the collection because it relates directly to the experiences of many students in composition classes these days.

I hope you enjoy browsing this, the second edition of *The Presence of Others*. The radical innovation of the first edition was to include an unprecedented balance of liberal and conservative essays selected by a liberal and a conservative editor. I'm pleased that it sold well enough to justify this second edition, which includes pieces by Allan Bloom, Shelby Steele, John Paul II, P.J. O'Rourke, Gertrude Himmelfarb, and Newt Gingrich, among others.

The Presence of Others grew out of the debate over freshman English that occurred several years ago at the University of Texas at Austin. Your support at that time for those of us who believed a writing course should be open to all political voices—not just those from the far left—is still warmly appreciated and remembered.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

John Ruskiewicz
Professor