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Dear Oprah,

Hello! I hope that this letter finds you doing well. I am an independent filmmaker and wanted to see if it is possible to be on your show or in your magazine this fall with 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. Hence I have the desire to be on your show. Plus it's cool because it features strong women.

What is the film about? I wanted to find out 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 just finished 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!) so there are a few film reviews on the website. People 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 really an uplifting, engaging political documentary that everyone needs to see before the elections.

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 and would really like to be on it. I don't have an agent, but I thought I would ask anyway. Please have your people email me, or write my P.O. Box and I will respond. There's also more information online at <http://consideringdemocracy.com>. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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