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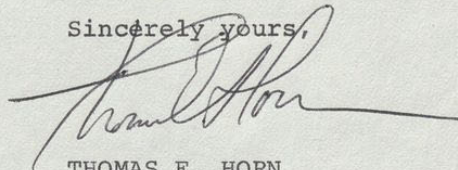
Dear Mr. Warner:

I regret to advise you that I will be unable to attend the Committee meeting scheduled to coincide with the American Bar Association convention in Washington, D. C., this year.

I had planned on attending as you well know, but we now seem to be faced with a rather substantial issue on the home front. New Mexico is the only state in the Union to my knowledge that does not have any laws regulating obscenity and pornography. A municipal ordinance has been proposed by the District Attorney for this county which would severely curtail First Amendment rights under the guise of regulating obscenity. I'm not precisely certain how it happened, but apparently I am the one that has been chosen to lead the battle against this ordinance. The major hearing on the ordinance is scheduled for August 7, 1973, at which time I hope to spearhead the fight against the ordinance by presenting expert testimony on the issue from professionals all over the country. Needless to say, it is critical that I be here for that hearing.

I regret that I will be unable to attend; I was much looking forward to the meeting. Nevertheless, I think you would agree the battle we have at the moment here must take priority. If I may be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,



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