Dear [Friend's Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to sincerely apologize for not being able to attend your housewarming party. I was really looking forward to celebrating this special occasion with you, but unfortunately, [brief explanation of your reason, e.g., "an unexpected commitment came up that I could not avoid"].

Once again, I apologize for my absence. Thank you for understanding, and I look forward to catching up soon.

Warm regards,

[Your Name]