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Dick Cheney

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July 7, 1976

Dear Guy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your July 1 letter to the President asking him to participate in the appeal for funds of the National Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, which you plan to launch in early August.

I will give your letter and suggested draft letter to the President at the earliest opportunity. I am confident you will hear further as soon as possible.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Guy Vander Jagt
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

~~cc:~~ w/incoming to Dick Cheney for further action

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July 1, 1976

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am once again seeking your help in the vital area of fund raising for our Republican Congressional candidates this fall. We are planning a very special mailing the first of August in behalf of the National Republican Congressional Committee.


The mailing would include both a personal letter signed by you, as well as one by Governor Ronald Reagan. The proposed letters are enclosed.

As you know, we do have many outstanding Republican Congressional candidates. With adequate financial help through our NRCC, our candidates can and will win.

Your leadership has in the past and will continue to assure the fullest possible assistance by the NRCC to our candidates.

Thank you, Mr. President. With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,


Guy Vander Jagt
Chairman

Enclosures



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GERALD R. FORD

Mr. Robert Jones
100 Main Street
Anytown, U.S.A

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing you today along with Governor Reagan about a serious and urgent matter that has come to our attention.

I recently met with Congressman Guy Vander Jagt, Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee. His report to me on the financial status of our 1976 GOP Victory Fund drive was very disturbing.

When he told me we were still short of our goal to raise 2.1 million dollars in 1976, I decided to personally write you to ask for your help and support.

I'm doing so because the present Congress, heavily controlled by liberal Democrats, is a disaster.

Since becoming President, I have used the veto over 48 times to stop a virtual floodtide of irresponsible and, in my opinion, dangerous legislation coming from a Congress dominated by a 2 to 1 Democratic Majority. This has saved taxpayers over 13 billion dollars.

Unless you help us elect more Republicans in 1976, I'm convinced the 70 billion dollar U.S. budget deficits sponsored and voted for by the Democratic Majority will increase and grow worse. If continued, these huge budget deficits are a guaranteed prescription for higher inflation and greater unemployment.

I am particularly worried about the next session of Congress which convenes January 20, 1977.

I have carefully studied the Jimmy Carter/Liberal Democratic platform. It is a platform more radical than the 1972 McGovern platform.

For example, it calls for a break-up of America's oil companies, major reductions in our national defense, repeal of Section 14(B) which is the Right to Work provision of the Taft-Hartley Act, national health insurance with universal and mandatory coverage, and passage of common-situs picketing which I vetoed last January.

If this platform is passed into law next year, I know it will seriously injure the economic recovery of America. It will create vast new and unnecessary bureaucratic agencies and regulations causing government spending to skyrocket. What's worse, it would sharply reduce our military defenses to a point that would be dangerous to the safety of this country.



The need for a responsible Republican Congress has never been greater. That's why I had hoped for better news from Guy Vander Jagt in his report to me.

If this Committee does not succeed in raising its GOP Victory Fund goal of 2.1 million dollars this year, Congressman Vander Jagt tells me that our overall Congressional campaign will be seriously jeopardized.

This is why I sincerely hope you will decide today to again support the outstanding work of the National Republican Congressional Committee in its effort to elect Republicans in 1976.

From my own experience as a Member of Congress, I know that the Committee's support is invaluable in electing and re-electing Republicans to the House of Representatives.

At a recent White House meeting, I visited with over 120 Republican candidates for Congress. These candidates are among the finest group of people I have ever met in all my years of public service.

Our candidates are definitely counting on this Committee for direct campaign contributions and other important campaign services which only this Committee can adequately and effectively provide.

You can play a major role by joining Governor Reagan, myself, and the entire Congressional Committee in our joint efforts to elect a Republican Congress by sending your maximum contribution in the enclosed envelope.

I am counting on you, Mr. Jones. Without your help, I know we cannot elect more Republicans to Congress to help stop the 1976 Democratic platform from passing Congress next year.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford



RONALD REAGAN

Dear Mr. Jones:

President Ford and I could not be in more total agreement on this most urgent matter: The desperate need to elect a REPUBLICAN Congress in 1976.

The Democrats have controlled Congress lock, stock, and barrel for 40 of the past 44 years. There isn't one penny spent by your government that hasn't been mandated by the Democrat majority. No bureaucrat has been hired, no rule or regulation has been issued without approval by the Democrat majority in Congress.

Recent shocking events confirm what you and I both know: the Democrats' power in Congress has grown completely out of control. Our national debt proves it; the welfare mess proves it; the federal budget proves it; your paycheck proves it.

That's why I'm joining President Ford in writing to you personally to urge your financial support of the best weapon we have to defeat the one-party Democrat dictatorship in Congress: the 1976 GOP Victory Fund of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

I am convinced that there isn't a single, more effective or powerful tool for helping our Republican congressional candidates than the NRCC. I've seen it in action. I know it works.

I fully share President Ford's deep concern about our failure so far to successfully raise the Committee's Victory Fund of 2.1 million dollars in 1976.

In my opinion, this GOP Victory Fund is absolutely essential to Republican success against liberal Democrats in Congress this November.

Right now the liberal Democrats and their political allies such as the AFL-CIO's COPE are collecting and distributing a huge war chest in California and across the nation to maintain their 2 to 1 control of Congress.

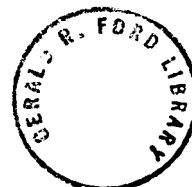
Most of this money will be used against conservative Republican candidates who are battling to defeat entrenched Democratic liberals.

This Committee does not have a payroll deduction system like the unions to collect its money.

That's why I hope you will help again. Please send the largest contribution you can to the Committee today. For the sake of this country, we must break up the liberal Democrat/Labor Boss stranglehold on Congress in 1976.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan





The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The President
The White House
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