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THIRTEENTH DISTRICT WILLIAM R. BRYANT, JR. REPUBLICAN FLOOR LEADER STATE CAPITEL BUILDING LANSING, MICHIGAN 48901

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

November 30, 1976



The Honorable Gerald R. Ford President of the United States The White House 1600 PennsylvapJa Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Ford:

As a fan -- and selfishly, that the G.O.P. may have the best possible leadership -- I sincerely request you accept the position of National Party Chairman.

You are our leader. Please remain our leader.

It would provide you a continuing position which directly, rather than indirectly as our former President, will shape the future of the party, the nation and the world.

We need you. We need your leadership, your enthusiasm, your energy and your fight!

Please don't retire or even semi-retire from the battle. We lost a major skirmish, but the battle continues. They scored, but the game isn't over yet -- unless we quit!

Sincerely,

WILLIAM R. BRYANT, JR. Republican Floor Leader

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