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President Gerald R. Ford White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

It is the morning of November 3rd and I sit at my kitchen table stunned, disappointed and with little understanding of our republic.

To oust a fine young leader as Kit Bond, to choose someone who knows only how to say things could be better, to give the leadership of America to a man who offers the same platitudes, albeit on a more grandiose scale, is simply sickening and disheartening.

As your Missouri Chairman of People for Ford, I tranversed the State, rallied your supporters, spoke to high schools -- only to see you lose. The votes were not based on ability, but on some vague notion that change is always better than progress. I am sorry I failed you -- I am more sorry that America has failed to recognize you for what you are -- a fine, capable leader who is human, warm and a credit to the American ethic.

God Bless you Mr. President. You deserved another four years to make us move forward even more. America has spoken. It is sad that it's words have so little magic or promise.

You told me at the St. Louis Airport after the Northwest Plaza Rally that, "you're doing a great job Jack!". Well, you've done a great job Jerry! You, Mrs. Ford, your fine children -- you're all All-Americans.

Go out and play some golf. You deserve it -- and so does America.

Your supporter,

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