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November 5, 1976

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford President of the United States of America White House Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Indiana Chairman. This past year has been the highlight of my 18 years of service in the Republican Party. I was very proud when Indiana's thirteen electoral votes were the first ones posted in your behalf. In spite of our victories in Indiana and in Evansville, we suffered with you through the night and even now find it impossible to enjoy our local and statewide victories.

Mr. President, I thank you for your leadership in bringing our great nation back together and truly making us proud again. Our nation and our party still need your wisdom and leadership. I sincerely hope and pray you will continue as the leader of our Republican Party. We need to strengthen our Party with new leadership on all levels. I sincerely believe you are the one person who can lead this effort.

We are very proud of our Republican organization in Indiana. We like to believe it is the best organization in the nation. I believe a great amount of credit for our success must be given to Tom Milligan, our State Chairman. I would highly recommend Tom for the position of National Chairman, if the position should become available for a new leader.

Mr. President, my wife Jean and I sincerely wish you, Betty and your children a very happy and peaceful future, for you deserve it more than any other man I have had the privilege of knowing.

Sincerely,

Don Cox, Chairman

Indiana President Ford Committee

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P.S. - I will always be available to work for you and ow lasty. All you need to do is call on me.

The President Ford Committee, James September Chairman; Royston Hughes, Treasurer.



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