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## The Grand Rapids Foundation

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November 4, 1976

President Gerald R. Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear President Ford:

I am sorry you lost the Presidential race but commend you on your extensive Congressional and Presidential record of service to us in the Fifth District and the nation as a whole.

The thought in this old bit of verse is appropriate:

I'd like to think when life is done  
That I had filled a needed post,  
That here and there I'd paid my fare  
With more than idle talk and boast.

I attended the Junior College building dedication and Airport Mural unveiling. The large assembly of so many of your friends at both events were impressive testimony of the respect we have for you and your popularity. You are a good, clean, honest man. Your opponent, Congress, and the nation agrees. This alone but also your record should give you much satisfaction in the future, Gerry.

President-elect Carter has promised us Utopia so I'll start watching for some signs of this.

My best wishes go to you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

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