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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

November 19, 1976

The President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I was deeply disappointed at the outcome of the Presidential election and consider this a great personal loss, as well as a great loss to our entire Nation.

Our Nation was deeply divided, disillusioned, and demoralized when you were called upon to assume the Presidency, but, through your personal integrity, honesty, and innate decency, you were able to restore honor and dignity once again to the Office of the President. For that, we shall always owe you a great debt of gratitude.

I would like to commend you for your leadership, both nationally and internationally. Your policies and programs clearly demonstrated your capacity for recognizing and understanding the major problems confronting our Nation and the ability for proposing effective and workable solutions.

May I also express my admiration for the exemplary manner in which you conducted your campaign. Your willingness to discuss the issues and your outstanding efforts as a campaigner almost brought us victory despite overwhelming odds.

It has been a real pleasure and honor to work with you, first as a colleague in the House and then in your capacity as President. I highly value our friendship and sincerely appreciate the assistance and cooperation you have given me, particularly in matters affecting my Congressional District.

I wish you and your family continued happiness and success in the future. You can return to private life with the realization that you richly deserve the respect, the gratitude, and the sincere affection of the American people which you earned through your moral leadership and dedication to the principles which made our Nation great.

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