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December 3, 1976

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

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your kind message of congratulations on my re-election to Congress.

I shall greatly miss having you in the White House, as will many millions of Americans who voted for you.

You will be leaving office with a very proud record. In the years ahead, many more Americans and historians will reflect back that the Jerry Ford Presidency was a time of healing the wounds of war and Watergate; that your patient and mature leadership steered America from the brink of economic disaster; that your administration began the long and difficult period in which public confidence was restored in government.

Moreover, your initiatives in energy research and development, I feel sure, will be enormously significant to America as we enter the next century.

In my judgment, you were the right man at the right time for America. Even though your presidency was all too brief, it accomplished a great deal for the benefit of our nation and for world peace and order.

I also am proud to have served with you in Congress, where your good nature and understanding of the special problems of each of the members of the House made you a leader of very rare qualities. Your gift of bringing people together for the common good is a standard that others need to follow in Congress.

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Cordially,

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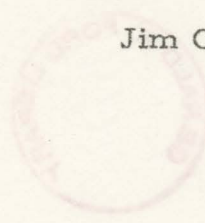
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MR PRESIDENT:

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Jim Connor



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