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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Please accept this expression of admiration for the way you have conducted yourself as our nation's President during the difficult months and years since you assumed the office in a time of national crisis. As you know, I have often been on the opposite side of issues, and indeed I campaigned very hard for Jimmy Carter. Nevertheless, I believe the country owes you an enormous debt of gratitude for restoring a sense of dignity and decency to our highest political office.

One of your qualities that has impressed me, perhaps more than it would others, is your natural magnanimity and lack of vindictiveness. Despite our differing political positions and the fact that I was one of the small minority of members of the House who did not vote to confirm you as Vice President, I have never experienced anything but friendliness and generosity from you since you became President.

You have truly served our country nobly during a time of great stress, and will be remembered for this long after election 1976 is only a dry statistic.

All best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

John F. Seiberling Member of Congress

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