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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

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SIXTH DISTRICT, WISCONSIN

November 23, 1976

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

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

Dear Mr. President:

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History will record, I have no doubt, that Gerald Ford was a uniquely qualified and equipped man to take over the office at the time that you did and to lead this country out from the morass and on to a far more even keel.

All of the tributes now being paid to you come a day late and a dollar short insofar as the proper recognition of your presidency is concerned. But it can not be surprising to any of us that it would be an uphill fight for the election. Eight years of Republican Presidents, Watergate, Vietnam, inflation, deficits and the economy all made the campaign that much more difficult.

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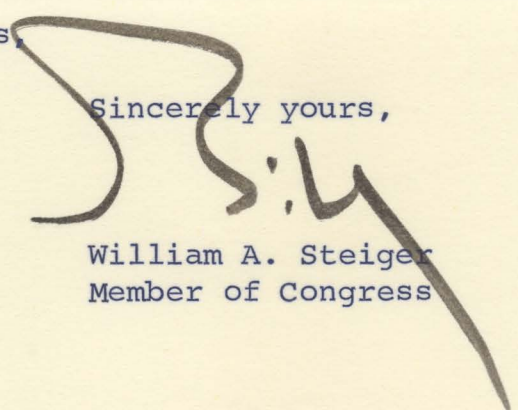
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