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### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

SAMUEL S. STRATTON New York

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December 2, 1976

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN ....

Dear Mr. President:

With all of the other responsibilities facing you in the transition to a new Administration, I am really overwhelmed that you took the time to drop me a note of congratulations on my reelection to the House.

As I am sure you realize, we will really miss you in Washington, having had the opportunity of serving with you over such a long and eventful period. I was proud to have the opportunity of supporting you on so many issues where you and I were in agreement. In fact I believe the <u>Congressional Quarterly</u> survey indicates that my support was the highest of any Democrat in New York State and pretty high in comparison with Democrats around the country. I supported you in defense and foreign policy matters, and frankly I hope that the new Administration will carry on, as they have now indicated they will, with a bipartisan approach in both of these key areas.

Your campaign was an outstanding one, I felt, and I think you can take a real sense of credit and accomplishment for what you did in turning the country around and getting it back on its feet after a very tough and difficult period.

Good luck to you in the future, and Joan and I both hope that we will be seeing you and Betty here in Washington very often in the months ahead.

Sincerely yours,

The President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500



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