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MESSAGE FOR THE MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

GOVERNOR MILLIKEN, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, STATE CANDIDATES,
AND DELEGATES, TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

GREETINGS FROM BETTY AND ME FROM THE WHITE HOUSE! I WOULD
As I have done so many times in the past
LIKE TO HAVE GREETED YOU IN PERSON. *A* THE SUDDEN CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES
However
HAS MADE THAT IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME.

BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I AM THINKING ABOUT MY MANY
GOOD MICHIGAN FRIENDS, GATHERED IN DETROIT.

I WANT YOU TO KNOW, TOO, THAT THERE ARE MANY GOOD
MICHIGANDERS WHO ARE HELPING GREATLY HERE IN WASHINGTON IN MOVING THE
FORD ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE DIFFICULT TRANSITION PERIOD.

IT'S TOUGH, DEMANDING WORK, BUT IT IS ACCOMPLISHING ITS
GOAL. THE TRANSITION IS GOING SMOOTHLY. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE
FORD ADMINISTRATION IS MOVING, AND MOVING STRONGLY TO MEET THE
NATION'S NEEDS, *both at home & abroad.*

BUT A PRESIDENT MUST HAVE HELP TO GET HIS POLICIES AND
PLANS INTO OPERATION. THAT'S WHERE YOU ARE NEEDED.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OF OUR REPUBLICAN CONCEPTS IS TO REVERSE THE CONCENTRATION OF POWER IN WASHINGTON. WITH REVENUE SHARING AND SUCH IMPORTANT NEW PROGRAMS AS THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT WHICH I SIGNED INTO LAW THIS WEEK, WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE A TRANSFER OF POWER BACK TO THE PEOPLE. YOU--AT STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS--ARE GETTING THE POWER TO DECIDE WHERE AND HOW YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE TO BE SPENT IN MORE AND MORE AREAS OF HUMAN NEED.

I THINK THAT'S A GREAT TREND IN EXACTLY THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IT IS A TREND THAT MUST CONTINUE. AND WITH YOUR HELP IN ELECTING CANDIDATES WHO SUPPORT SUCH PROGRAMS, THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO GROW.

YOU HAVE A FINE GOVERNOR, BILL MILLIKEN HAS AN OUTSTANDING RECORD OF PERFORMANCE IN OFFICE. YOU HAVE A GROUP OF FINE CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICES.

Our candidates for the Congress are worthy of your full support. We need them in the House of Representatives.

Our legislative candidates in Lansing also need your full support. Gov. Milliken must have help in the legislature.

YOU HAVE A LOT GOING FOR YOU DURING THE COMING CAMPAIGN.

BUT THERE HAS TO BE ONE ADDITIONAL FACTOR:

THE DEDICATED EFFORT OF REPUBLICAN WORKERS. YOU, THE KEY
PEOPLE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN, MUST SHOW THE WAY. IT'S
TIME TO GET DOWN TO HARD WORK.

WITH YOUR REAL EFFORT WE, TOGETHER, CAN SHOW THOSE WHO
DESPAIR OF THE FUTURE JUST HOW WRONG THEY ARE.

JOIN WITH ME IN HELPING TO BUILD A BETTER AMERICA.

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