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AS YOU KNOW, TOMORROW IS ELECTION DAY ALL OVER AMERICA.

EVERY ELIGIBLE VOTER WILL SEND A MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON
AND TO THE WORLD, ~~TOMORROW~~. THOSE WHO VOTE -- WHETHER THEY VOTE
FOR REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES OR FOR OTHERS -- WILL
BE VOTING "YES" FOR OUR AMERICAN TRADITION OF GOVERNMENT BY
THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE.

EVERYONE WHO CAN GET TO THE POLLS AND FAILS TO GO, WHO
REFUSES TO EXERCISE THE PRECIOUS RIGHT OF A FREE CITIZEN TO
VOTE HIS OR HER HONEST CONVICTION, IS ACTUALLY VOTING "NO" ON
OUR SYSTEM OF SELF-GOVERNMENT.

SOME SURVEYS INDICATE A TURNOUT TOMORROW OF ONLY 40 PERCENT
OF THE VOTING POPULATION. IF THIS IS TRUE, THE CONGRESS WITH
WHICH I MUST WORK HERE IN WASHINGTON TO CONTROL INFLATION, STRENGTHEN
THE ECONOMY AND PRESERVE PEACE IN THE WORLD, COULD BE ELECTED BY ONLY
21 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS. I DON'T THINK ANYONE WANTS THAT KIND
OF MINORITY ~~THE~~ DECISION.

SO I ASK YOU, MY FELLOW AMERICANS, TO MAKE THE TIME
TOMORROW TO GO TO THE POLLS AND VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES OF YOUR
CHOICE. YOU WILL BE VOTING FOR YOUR OWN FUTURE AND EXERCISING
THE POWER VESTED IN A FREE PEOPLE WHICH HAS CARRIED THIS COUNTRY
FORWARD FOR NEARLY 200 YEARS. YOU WILL NOT JUST BE VOTING FOR
DEMOCRATS OR REPUBLICANS, YOU WILL BE CASTING YOUR VOTE OF
CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.