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### OREGON GOP FUNDRAISER DINNER

# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1975

THANK YOU, DAVE GREEN

SENATOR BOB PACKWOOD

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

NOTE: SENATOR HATFIELD DOLL NOT PLAN TO BE AT THE DINNER

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FIRST, LET ME ASSURE ALL YOU GOOD OREGONIANS

THAT I HAVE ONLY COME HERE TO VISIT -- NOT TO STAY ....

BUT IF THERE ARE ANY DEMOCRATS LISTENING, I WANT THEM TO

KNOW -- THAT DOES NOT APPLY TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE IN PORTLAND THIS EVENING FOR THIS TREMENDOUS GATHERING OF REPUBLICANS. YOUR WARM WELCOME IS MOST APPRECIATED; YOUR ENTHUSIA'SM phith Then COMMITMENT MOST ENCOURAGING.

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I REMEMBER SPEAKING TO YOU BY TELEPHONE LAST APRIL

DURING YOUR HISTORIC MEETING OF THE ''NORTHWEST COMPACT,''

WHICH HAS EFFECTIVELY COORDINATED THE WORK AND ENHANCED

THE INFLUENCE OF REPUBLICANS OF OREGON, WASHINGTON AND

I WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION THAT YOU DISPLAYED IN GETTING THIS COMPACT TOGETHER. I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND THE REPUBLICANS OF OREGON FOR PUTTING TOGETHER A TWO-YEAR PLAN FOR THE PARTY'S ACTIVITIES AND STRATEGIES.

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I UNDERSTAND THAT PARTY ORGANIZATIONS IN OTHER

STATES ARE NOW FOLLOWING YOUR EXAMPLE, AND IT'S A VERY GOOD THING FOR THE PARTY. THIS KIND OF INNOVATION IS PAR FOR THE COURSE HERE IN OREGON AND THROUGHOUT THE GREAT PACIFIC NORTHWEST. THERE IS STILL A PIONEERING SPIRIT HERE, A SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE THAT IS VERY INVIGORATING AND REFRESHING.

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TWO MEN WHO CERTAINLY REFLECT THIS TRADITION OF

INDEPENDENCE ARE YOUR UNITED STATES SENATORS, MARK HATFIELD AND BOB PACKWOOD. THEY ARE A CREDIT TO THIS GREAT STATE WHICH THEY REPRESENT SO WELL AND TO THEIR COUNTRY WHICH THEY

SERVE WITH SUCH DEDICATION.

I DON'T THINK IT'S JUST A MATTER OF COINCIDENCE THAT

THESE TWO VERY STRONG AND INDEPENDENT-MINDED SENATORS ARE ALSO REPUBLICANS. NOR DO I THINK IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE THAT THE PEOPLE OF OREGON KEEP ON ELECTING MARK HATFIELD AND BOB PACKWOOD TIME AFTER TIME.

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THE PARTY IN THIS STATE, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF SUCH ABLE LEADERS AS YOUR CHAIRMAN, <u>DAVE GREEN</u>, HAS BEEN REACHING OUT TO INDEPENDENT-THINKING VOTERS FOR YEARS -- AND THAT EFFORT

HAS PAID OFF HANDSOMELY FOR BOTH THE STATE AND THE PARTY.

IN FACT, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN THIS STATE

AND IN ALL 50 STATES HAS A LOT IN COMMON WITH INDEPENDENT

VOTERS -- AND WE HAVE A LOT TO SAY TO THEM.

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THE INDEPENDENT VOTER WANTS A SOUND AND PROSPEROUS

NATIONAL ECONOMY, WITHOUT RECESSION OR INFLATION -- AND SO

DO WE.

THE INDEPENDENT VOTER WANTS JOBS FOR THOSE WHO CAN

WORK AND HELP FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T -- AND SO DO WE.

THE INDEPENDENT VOTER WANTS HIS COUNTRY TO ACHIEVE

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND AN ENVIRONMENT OF HIGH QUALITY --

AND SO DO WE.

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THE INDEPENDENT VOTER WANTS A GOOD EDUCATION,

GOOD HOUSING, GOOD HEALTH CARE AND GOOD FOOD FOR HIS FAMILY --

AT PRICES HE CAN AFFORD -- AND SO DO WE.

THE INDEPENDENT VOTER WANTS THE SCALES OF JUSTICE TO

BALANCE THE RIGHTS OF THE CRIMINAL DEFENDANT WITH THE RIGHTS OF

A LAW-ABIDING SOCIETY -- AND SO DO WE.

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THE INDEPENDENT VOTER WANTS AMERICA'S NATIONAL

DEFENSE TO BE SECOND TO NONE -- BECAUSE THAT'S THE BEST WAY

TO ENSURE PEACE -- AND SO DO WE.

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THE INDEPENDENT VOTER WANTS RELIEF FROM HIGHER AND

HIGHER TAXES, FROM MORE AND MORE FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND

FROM BIGGER AND BIGGER BUDGET DEFICITS -- AND SO DO WE.

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MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE INDEPENDENT VOTER WANTS AMERICA

TO GET MOVING ON THE MYRIAD PROBLEMS FACING IT -- MOVING

CONFIDENTLY TOWARD THE FUTURE -- AND SO DO WE.

THERE'S ONE THING THAT MY 26 YEARS IN PUBLIC SERVICE HAVE TAUGHT ME -- AND IT'S THIS: A SUCCESSFUL BLEND OF PERSONAL INITIATIVE, PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND PUBLIC SERVICE WILL COME CLOSER TO SOLVING OUR PROBLEMS AND REALIZING OUR POTENTIAL THAN WILL RELIANCE ON THE MASSIVE, MUSCLE-BOUND BUREAUCRACY OF GOVERNMENT BY ITSELF.

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FOR TOO LONG, TOO MANY AMERICANS HAVE RELIED TOO MUCH

ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON TO MEET THEIR NEEDS,

GRANT THEIR WISHES AND SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. WE HAVE ALREADY

LOST TOO MUCH OF THE ENTERPRISE AND INITIATIVE AND SELF-RELIANCE

WHICH MADE AMERICANS THE HARDIEST OF PEOPLE AND THIS THE GREATEST

OF NATIONS.

NATIONAL GOVERNMENT IS TO HELP PEOPLE WHO CANNOT HELP THEMSELVES.

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I THINK IT'S TIME WE BEGAN TO LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR THE to many of SOLUTION TO ALL OUR PROBLEMS -- TO OUR STATE CAPITOLS AND OUR

COUNTY SEATS AND OUR TOWN COUNCILS -- TO OUR OFFICES AND SHOPS,

OUR FACTORIES AND FARMS -- TO OUR HOMES AND OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR

CHURCHES OF AMERICA. AND TO OURSELVES!

THAT'S WHERE THE REAL POWER AND POTENTIAL OF AMERICA

RESIDE. THAT'S WHERE TO FIND THE CREATIVE GENIUS, THE KNACK FOR PROBLEM-SOLVING, THE PIONEERING SPIRIT, THE YANKEE INGENUITY FOR WHICH THIS COUNTRY IS SO WELL KNOWN.

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IF EACH OF US SHOULDER MORE OF LIFE'S RESPONSIBILITIES --

TAKING ON A PERSONAL INTEREST TO MATCH THE PERSONAL STAKE WE HAVE

IN THE LIFE AND SUCCESS OF THIS NATION -- WE CAN TRULY MAKE A

FRESH START ON AMERICA'S PROBLEMS AND DEVELOP NEW SOLUTIONS --

EVEN AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 200TH BIRTHDAY.