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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

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As you know, tomorrow is election day all over America. Every eligible voter will be sending a message to Washington and to the world. Those who vote, whether they vote for the Republican or Democratic candidates or for others, will be voting yes for our system of Government, our tradition of American Government of the people and by the people.

Everyone who can get to the polls and who doesn't go to the polls, and who refuses to exercise the precious right of a free citizen to vote his or her honest conviction is actually voting no under our system of Government.

Now, 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 in Washington, the Congress that will be working with me on controlling inflation strengthening our economy and preserving world peace could be elected by only 21 percent of the voters. I don't think anyone wants that kind of minority decision.

So, I ask you, my fellow citizens, to take 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 free people which has carried this country forward for almost 200 years. You will not just be voting for Democrats or for Republicans, you will be casting your vote, a vote of confidence in the United States of America.

Thank you very much.

END (AT 11:31 A.M. EST)