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STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

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 rule.

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.

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