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REMARKS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
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Maryland Republicans have demonstrated statewide what the Republican Party needs to win nationwide. You are a unified party. You are an organized party. You are an energetic party and you pick Republican candidates who have what it takes to win against a Democrat enrollment advantage of three-to-one.

You have had the wisdom to put forth Republicans with broad-based appeal, candidates who can attract votes among Independents and Democrats -- which is indispensable if Republicans are to win. And the proof of your ability to overcome the odds is the strong Maryland Republican delegation in Congress, including two of the ablest and most brilliant men it is my privilege to know in the Senate of the United States, Senator Mac Mathias, and Senator J. Glenn Beall, Jr.

Glenn is up for re-election this year. And, based on my personal knowledge, Glenn Beall's re-election is just as important to the United States of America, as it is for the State of Maryland. As a former Governor, I know how important Glenn Beall's efforts have been to pass revenue sharing and other initiatives to reverse the flow of power to Washington and get it headed back to the people.

As President of the United States Senate, I can tell you that Glenn Beall is one of the most respected legislators in Washington. He is not a showboat. Not a prima donna. He is respected because he is hardworking, he is conscientious and he gets things done.

I have told Glenn that I intend to do whatever I can to help, and I urge all of you to do everything you can to make certain that Senator Glenn Beall is returned to the United States Senate. Let's continue that outstanding Maryland Senate team of Beall and Mathias.

Tonight I want to talk to you about the leadership of our Party and of our Nation. President Ford has built a record of leadership of which our Party can be proud -- and our Nation can be grateful. He has restored confidence in the integrity of government. He has restored trust in the Presidency. He has restored the people's faith in the future of America. And this restoration has been fundamental. America needed it -- and Jerry Ford's own strength of character and total integrity provided it.

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Next, Jerry Ford has put our economy on the road to recovery. We are rolling again. Inflation has been cut in half. 2.6 million more Americans are employed than there were a year ago. Our economic growth rate has climbed to an astonishing 7.5 per cent. And all this economic gain has been achieved, not from the massive, inflationary spending which the Congress has pushed for, and which Jerry Ford has courageously vetoed, these solid gains are the result of his understanding of and reliance on our American enterprise system.

And, finally, though the world is going through a highly explosive period -- we are at peace -- thanks to the wise, firm leadership of President Ford and the negotiating genius of a brilliant Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger.

Public integrity, economic recovery, and peace, that, I submit is a record in tune with the desires of the American people. Sure, we still face serious problems. But we have strong and fearless leadership in Jerry Ford, the kind of leadership this Nation needs, and the kind of leadership we ought to keep.

This is a unique moment in history. There were never greater opportunities for the future, for our future and the future of mankind throughout the world, than there are today if we but have the vision, the courage and the wisdom to grasp them.

We have the creative genius in science and technology and the productive power of our free people and the American enterprise system to lead the world in achieving economic growth, individual opportunity and rising standards for all.

We can help shape the future, not only of our own Nation, but of all mankind, if we but have the will. There is nothing wrong with America that Americans can't right.

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