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January 17, 1964

Mrs. Donna Hayes  
3414 Parkland, S. W.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Hayes,

Thank you so very much for your letter of January 13th relative to the selection of another Vice President in case the Vice President succeeds to the Presidency.

This is one of the important issues which has before the Congress. I was pleased to have your endorsement of the proposal that the electoral college should make the selection. As you know a number of proposals have been made including selection by the electoral college and selection by the House and Senate acting jointly or acting separately. It has also been suggested that the present succession which goes from the Vice President to the Speaker of the House and then to the President Pro Tem of the Senate be altered.

The first decision which the Congress must make is whether it is satisfied with the present system of succession. If the Congress is satisfied that the Speaker of the House should succeed if both the President and Vice President dies or are incapacitated, it is quite apparent that the present law must be clarified.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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Jan. 13, 1963

Dear Congressman Ford;

I watched CBS Reports last Wednesday night Jan 8th., on the Presidential Succession and both my husband and myself want to let you know that we are in favor of the Electoral College electing a second Vice President in case the Vice President becomes President.

We sincerely hope that there is something our legislators can do about this serious matter, and the above plan forwarded by Mr. Nixon and President Truman, seems the most feasible.

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