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Social Security ✓

October 29, 1976

Mr. E. Taylor
63 Rinewalt
Buffalo, New York 14221

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of interest and your comments with regard to the problems of the elderly.

Older Americans are certainly one of the Administration's main concerns. In a recent special message to Congress, President Ford reaffirmed his commitment to meeting the needs of senior citizens, and to draw on their strengths in resolving the problems of America. He asked Congress to:

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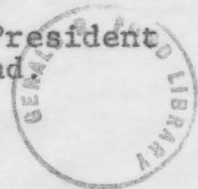
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Thank you again for your interest and I hope that President Ford can count on your vote on Tuesday, November 2nd.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence

BDN/la
Encl.



Dear Sir:-

Comment

63 Riverwalk
Buffalo, N.Y. 14221
said against

I think there is too much
S. Security - I believe they deserve more.
Honest weeping. - I feel for them but I
think one stress this can too much.
If the opposite - as against some of
your efforts. Why don't they do something
they certainly have Government
Congress called if they really were
sincere. Thanks. E. Taylor Buffalo, N.Y. 14221



President Ford Committee
1828 L St., N.W.
Suite 250
Washington, D.C. 20036

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*Social Security
Sr. Citizen*

October 29, 1976

Mrs. L. A. Rowell
2721 41st Street
Lubbock, Texas 79413

Dear Mrs. Rowell:

Thank you for your recent letter and your comments regarding the Social Security program. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the President Ford Committee.

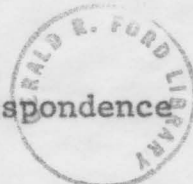
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Thank you once again for your thoughts and concern. I hope that President Ford can count on your vote on November 2nd.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence



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*Senior
Citizens
social security*

2721 41st Street
Lubbock, Texas 79413
October 14, 1976

President Gerald Ford
White House
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear President Ford:

As my President, I would like to bring to your attention our Social Security laws. This past Spring, you state that there was a need to increase Social Security payments by \$1.00 per week (\$52.00/year) in order to continue supporting so many of the government programs.

As you well know, a certain percentage of the American public are the only ones who pay into Social Security thru their employment with small companies and corporations; while the self-employed, farmers, Civil Service employees, some state employees, teachers, etc., have an option to pay.

It is not fair for some to have an option.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L.A. Rowell

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*some state
non-profit*



*Social Security ✓
Sr. Citizens*

October 29, 1976

Miss Mary Lou Hawthorn
2806 42nd Street
Lubbock, Texas 79413

Dear Miss Hawthorn:

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Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence

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Sincerely,

Mary Lou Hawthorn

Miss Mary Lou Hawthorn



October 28, 1976

Mrs. Lucille M. Field
133 Lincoln Highway West
New Haven, Indiana 46784

Dear Mrs. Field:

Thank you so much for your letter of October 23rd and your fine words of support for President Ford and Senator Dole.

As a Republican of long-standing, your views and comments are most welcome to the Committee and we will be happy to pass them along to our campaign leadership.

I do not know, at this time, whether the President or Senator Dole will be in Indiana again before the election, the new Federal campaign spending laws have precluded as much travel as we would have liked.

Thank you again for sharing your views with us and it is good to know the President can count on your vote on Tuesday.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence

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Social Security

October 27, 1976

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ericsson
11108 Meadowick
Houston, Texas 77024

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ericsson:

We greatly appreciate receiving your telegram about the earnings test for social security. So that your suggestion can receive the attention it deserves, I have hand-delivered it to the Director of Research. Input from supporters like yourself is very helpful as we wage a vigorous campaign to elect President Ford to another term.

Thank you again for taking the time to write us. We are encouraged by your interest and support. As the momentum builds behind President Ford, it is important to redouble our efforts to get out the vote in Texas. I know President Ford can count on your assistance. We are looking forward to victory on November 2nd.

Sincerely,

Barbara W. Norris
Director of Correspondence

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THE COMMITTEE TO REELECT PRESIDENT FORD
WASHINGTON DC 20500

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IN THIS LAST WEEK OF THE CAMPAIGN STRONGLY URGE YOU PLEDGE A
MAXIMUM EFFORT IN CONGRESS TO REMOVE THE LARCENOUS EARNINGS TEST
PRESENTLY ROBBING SENIOR CITIZENS OF WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY THEIRS
UNDER THE ORIGINAL LAW AND WHO HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING TO SS FOR
UP TO FORTY YEARS. TWO MILLION TAXPAYERS IN THIS BRACKET,
NOW UNDECIDED, COULD MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CLOSE WIN AND
A CLOSE LOSS. TWO LOYAL REPUBLICANS.

RUTH AND RALPH ERICSSON
11108 MEADOWICK
HOUSTON TX 77024

16:55 EST

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WASHINGTON DC 20500

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TO REPLY BY MAILGRAM, PHONE WESTERN UNION ANY TIME, DAY OR NIGHT:
UP TO FORTY YEARS, TWO MILLION TAXPAYERS IN THIS BRACKET,
NOW UNDECIDED, COULD FOR YOUR LOCAL NUMBER, SEE THE WHITE PAGES
A CLOSE LOSS, TWO LOYAL REPUBLICANS.

OF YOUR TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

OR

DIAL (TOLL FREE) 800-257-2241

(EXCEPT IN NEW JERSEY 800-632-2271)

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FROM TELEX 6161

FROM TWX 910 420 1212



*Senior Citizens
Social Security*

October 18, 1976

Mrs. Helen M. Clark
126 Cedar Street
Tiptonville, Tn. 38079

Dear Mrs. Clark;

Thank you for your recent letter and your concern about the Social Security System. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the President Ford Committee.

President Ford is very concerned about America's older citizens and has concentrated his efforts on curbing the rate of inflation, which is the single greatest threat to their quality of life. The President included in his budget request for fiscal year 1977, a full cost of living increase in Social Security benefits that will help bolster the purchasing power of 32 million older Americans. To keep the Social Security system financially sound, President Ford has requested legislation to increase payroll taxes by three tenths of one percent for employees and employers so that payments will not exceed revenues.

In answer to your question, the Republican Party Platform, which President Ford supports, states. "We will work for an increase in the earned income ceiling or its elimination so that, as people live longer, there will not be the present penalty on work." The Platform goes on to say: "We favor the abolition of arbitrary age levels for mandatory retirement." The President will work towards these goals in his next administration.

Thank you once again for your concern and interest. I hope that President Ford can count on your vote November second.

Sincerely,

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Encl:

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence



*Senior citizens:
Social Security*

126 Cedar Street
Tiptonville, TN 38079
October 1, 1976

President Gerald Ford
Rep. Candidate for President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Ford:

We have waited until now, hoping to read or hear some reference by the candidates to a section of the Social Security law which causes many people much concern. Since we have not seen any references to it, a group of friends and I would like your reaction on the following provision which we consider grossly unfair.

Under the Social Security "retirement" system, a retiree is limited in the amount of money he can earn and still receive his full Social Security benefits. We feel strongly that a retiree should receive the benefits he is entitled to by his payments regardless of any income he earns. Note that he had no choice as to whether or not he wished to participate in the Social Security coverage but has been required by law to do so. He may have made maximum contributions for 20, 30, or more years, in many cases when it has been a financial hardship because of medical or educational expenses, for example, but finds his retirement coverage so low that he cannot maintain a standard of living even close to that of his "working" life. Furthermore, the Social Security tax has been so high and continues to increase each year that, with a family, he has not been able to participate in any private retirement plan to augment the Social Security income.

We do not "buy" the common rejoinder that the Social Security system is in financial trouble and cannot afford to pay full benefits due those who still can earn additional income to help them meet ever-rising living expenses. Nor do we agree that it is unfair to return full benefits to those still capable of earning, even though they have paid full share into the system. We consider the Social Security law a contract between the U. S. government and the worker (albeit an involuntary one in the case of many workers). We consider any failure to pay full entitled benefits a default and breach of contract. May we remind you that this would not be tolerated in any private retirement contract? An economy can never be "healthy" if people are penalized for working.

Before the election next month, we would like to have your views on the matter. And do you plan to do anything to rectify the situation?

We realize this is but one small point in the complex Social Security law, but we assure you that it affects many people and that there is growing concern about it.

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs.) Helen M. Clark



October 6, 1976

Social Security

Mr. Thomas Colacino
225 Medland Avenue
Garfield, New Jersey 07026

Dear Mr. Colacino:

Thank you for your letter of October 1. Your support of President Ford is greatly appreciated and adds to enthusiasm for the Ford-Dole team that has been building throughout the country.

May I suggest you contact Mr. Tony Cicatiello, Executive Director of the New Jersey campaign organization. The state headquarters should be able to assist you with the distribution of campaign materials in your area. Your efforts to work on behalf of the President are tremendously appreciated. The address is: Mr. Tony Cicatiello, Executive Director, 1 Woodbridge Center, Suite 206, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095, (201) 636-2504.

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Thank you for your support and with your help we will be victorious on November 2.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence



- buttons
- bumper stickers
- comment on Soc. Security payments

Oct. 1, 1976

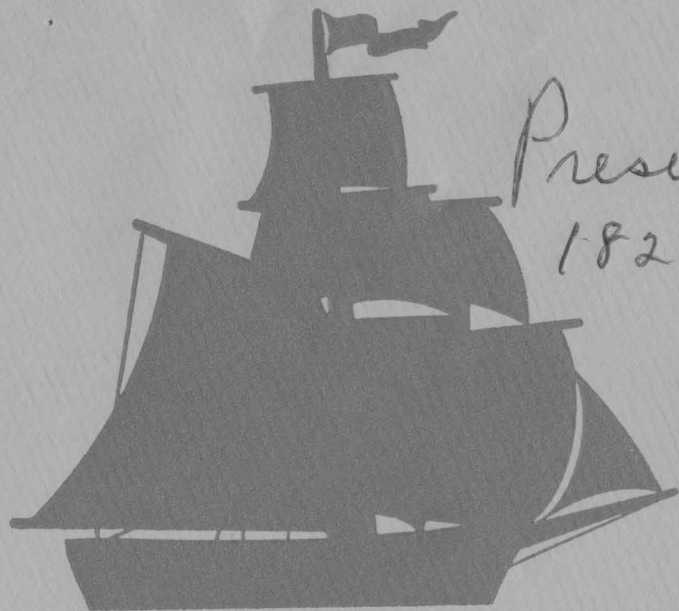
President Ford Committee.

Received your letter of Sept. 27-76 and I wish that you will rush my name to the state coordinator so I can call meeting. We need some buttons + stickers I am also in with the senior citizens of Garfield N.J. And if President Ford would make an announcement to the Pres that he is in favor of an increase in social security he would get a larger majority than Eisenhower and Nixon received in Bergen County I know I was part of it.

Sincerely
Thomas Colacino
225 Midland Ave.
Garfield N.J.

If you want to check on me please contact Congressman Wm. B. Widnall or Sheriff Joe Job of Bergen County.

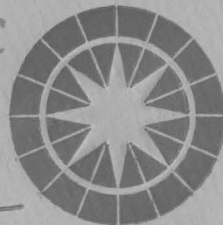




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Thomas Colatino
225 Midland Ave.
Garfield N.J.

Social Security
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October 5, 1976

L. Cella
3259 Rodney Wlk
Camden, New Jersey 08104

Dear Ms. Cella:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing support for President Ford. The President is grateful to such dedicated supporters like yourself and appreciates your interest and good wishes.

Older Americans are certainly one of the Administration's main concern. In a recent special message to Congress, President Ford reaffirmed his commitment to meeting the needs of senior citizens, and to draw on their strengths in resolving the problems of America. He asked Congress to:

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Thank you again for your kind message of support and I hope that President Ford can count on your vote on November 2nd.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence



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SEP 27 1976 Thank You

The Republican
Party of the United States
and
my & our President of
the United States
President Ford,

We hope (We) who are
(now retired) on Social Security
We Hope Our President
Mr. Ford

Does not forget us

"We"
(now) Retired on Social
Security



We are for him We
hope He is for U S
We are Millions -

We wish him luck
I hope he does not forget
us -
We hope he says so.

Lot of luck to
Our President Mr Ford

J. Celler

3259

Camden N.J. Rodney Hall
N. J.



Please Mr. Ford

"We"

"We" now retired
on Social Security

Please DO NOT
forget us, - Please how
billions of us are on

Your Side,
Please let us
hear from you.

Thanks



L. CELLA

3259 Rodney Walk

CAMDEN, N. JERSEY 08104

August 17, 1976

Mr. James E. Lewis
6842 Merwin
Cincinnati, Oh. 45227

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you very much for your recent letter. We were saddened however to hear of your recent unemployment problems.

One of President Ford's chief concerns since assuming the Presidency two years ago has been to turn the economy around. His policies are working, as evidenced by the fact that more and more Americans are returning to work every day. Given time the President is confident that everyone who wants a job will be able to get one.

I urge you to stay in contact with your local employment security commission and enquire there as to pertinent federal or state laws which prohibit age discrimination in hiring. This may discourage persons in the future from giving you the cold shoulder because of your age.

Thanks again for your letter and good luck on your social security case. I hope that President Ford can count on your support in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Norris
Director of Correspondence



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Cincinnati Ohio 45227
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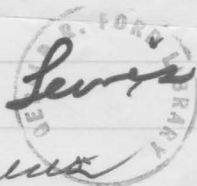
Dear Mr President

I have
always given small tips to
conductors. But at present, I am
let off from work.

at age 64. So in and
ask for a job they give you
the coal look real fresh,
I put in for Social Security
May 12, 1976. Haven't heard from
them yet.

I am thinking about taking
my case to the wage and
Hour Division. This week, or
I would have sent \$2.00

Sincerely
James E. Merrin



August 6, 1976

Social Security

Mr. Frank Mandile
25 Slocum Ave.
Tappan, N.Y. 10983

Dear Mr. Mandile:

Thank you for your recent letter to President Ford. The President appreciates having your views and regrets that it is impossible for him to personally answer each letter.

We at the President Ford Committee certainly appreciate your contribution which will enable us to assist in a campaign toward victory in November. Of course, we have no control over other appeals for campaign contributions from Congressmen and other elected officials.

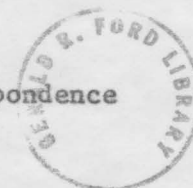
While sympathizing with your financial plight, I cannot respond to your question about Social Security income limitations because the President Ford Committee is organized strictly as a campaign committee. It would therefore be inappropriate for me to intervene in what should be a matter between you and your Congressman. Since you say you have already contacted his caseworker, I suggest you try again by phone or mailgram since most Capitol Hill offices receive a huge volume of mail. Your original correspondence may have been misplaced.

President Ford understands the situation our elderly citizens face because of spiraling costs of living coupled with fixed incomes. Because of this, he has worked hard during his two years in office to curb the inflation which robs older Americans of their hard-earned retirement dollars.

Thank you again for writing and for your support for President Ford.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence



BDN/ bam

President Gerald R Ford

July 5th 1976

P.O. Box 300

Washington, D.C. 20044

Dear President Ford

With reference to your letter dated June 14, 1976 and Congressman Ron Paul letter dated May 21st 1976 asking for additional contribution for the 1976 G.O.P. Victory Fund goals. I was under the impression that the additional contribution of \$5⁰⁰_{xxx} dollars that I sent was to help do my little bit for your reelection.

As I wrote to congressman Ron



Real, I am retired and cannot help ⁽²⁾
to contribute with donations anymore.

Please allow me to ask the same
question asked of the above mentioned
congressman of which I have not
received an answer as yet.

Why I cannot earn a salary
of more than \$, 70 dollars which
social security allows me to earn
yearly without having to pay one
dollar for every two dollars I
earn. I am not asking for
welfare but trying to get along
on social security plus a little
pension I get from my ^{work}
job I had which is very difficult



to make ends meet in these
inflationary times for my wife and
me.

If certain congressmen can
complain that their salary plus
expensis paid for their work is
not enough and give themselves
raises, then I am sure that my
complaint is fair and not too
much to ask. I started to work
in 1929 and retired last July
and have been paying taxes since I think
that's about all I can do for our
Government.

My sincere thanks for reading this
letter and hoping for your reception
and awaiting your reply. Yours truly
(over please) one for address, Frank McNeill

FRANK MANDILE
25 SLOCUM AVE.
TAPPAN N.Y. 10983

Issue

Sen. Citizens ✓
Social Security

July 20, 1976

Mr. Albert L. Knight
280 - West 127th Street
New York, N.Y. 10027

Dear Mr. Knight:

Thank you for your recent letter to President Ford, which was forwarded to me. We appreciate your taking time to write about your concerns, and the President wishes it were possible for him to respond to each message personally.

Since taking office 23 months ago, President Ford has mounted a strong attack on unemployment and inflation. He remains very concerned about the high cost of living, and particularly about the cruel effects of inflation upon our senior citizens and others living on fixed incomes. Under his strong leadership, a lower percentage of Americans is unemployed than when he took office two years ago but much remains to be done to ensure that every American capable of working can find meaningful employment.

We appreciate also your comments about prayer in the public schools. As you know, the President and his family are devout Christians and deeply concerned about maintaining a high moral standard among our young people.

Thank you again for writing, and I hope President Ford can count on your support in November.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence

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July 13, 1976

Ms. Erma Ruxer
1413 Old Lane Avenue
Apartment 4
Dayton, Ohio 45409

Issue
Senior Citizens
Social Security
Ohio

Dear Ms. Ruxer:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing support for President Ford. The President is grateful to hear that he has such dedicated supporters like yourself and appreciates your interest and good wishes.

Since taking office, President Ford has turned his full attention to solving America's economic problems. His firm and effective legislation attests to his commitment in this area, and the results have been extremely heartening. President Ford has made a concerted effort to reduce government spending while simultaneously stimulating private industry. The President is working hard to keep America on the road to economic prosperity and looks forward to the day when all Americans can work in the jobs of their choice.

However, the President is aware of the burden that fixed social security programs place upon senior citizens. We would suggest that since you are eligible for food stamps, you take advantage of your status and help supplement your income by the benefits that they offer.

Thank you once again for your interest and I hope that President Ford can count on your continued support in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence

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Senior Citizens: Social Security

June 10, 1976

Mrs. Opal Bramson
1833 Bowling Avenue
Salt Lake City, UT 84119

Dear Mrs. Bramson:

Thank you for the recent letter which the President Ford Committee received from you and Mrs. Arzon regarding an increase in Social Security benefits.

President Ford has noted that the single greatest threat to the quality of life of Older Americans has been inflation and has said, "...the retired, living on fixed incomes have been particularly hard hit, and the progress we have made...has not benefitted them enough..."

Accordingly the President included in his budget request for fiscal year 1977, a full cost of living increase in Social Security benefits to help bolster the purchasing power of older Americans.

I am enclosing a brochure which more fully explains the President's stand on assistance for Older Americans. We feel you will find the President's position reassuring.

Sincerely,

ROB QUARTEL
Answer Desk Coordinator

RQ:mm
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Senior Citizens: Social
Comments Security

July 9, 1976

Mrs. Frances A. John
6119 Juanita ~~Juanita~~ JUNIATA
St. Louis, Missouri 63139

Dear Mrs. John:

President Ford has asked that I thank you for your recent message of support for his campaign. Comments such as yours provide added encouragement to those of us who work at the President Ford Committee offices.

Older Americans are certainly one of the Administration's main concerns. In his State of the Union address earlier this year, the President proposed protection against catastrophic illness for Medicare beneficiaries. This includes extending Medicare benefits for unlimited days of hospital and skilled nursing care.

In his 1977 budget request, the President included a full cost of living increase in Social Security benefits. This will increase the purchasing power of 32 million older Americans. President Ford has supported the Older American's Act since it was enacted in 1965. Among other things, the Act provides for hot meals five days a week to over 300,000 older people.

If Congress passes HR 10678, the President will give it his utmost consideration in terms of the potential impact on the American citizenry.

Much has been accomplished during the 23 months of the Ford administration, though much remains to be done. The President looks to the future optimistically and stands ready to face all challenges which might arise.

Thanks again for your comments. I hope President Ford can count on your support in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence



June 21-76
Dear Mr. President,

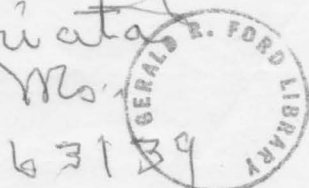
I am sorry I cannot contribute the amount requested. I do think you have been a good president and my best wishes for your re-election.

I would donate a one month check if a bill could be passed for widows who remarried before 1966, H.R. 10678. I don't think it is fair since we are older and can use the few extra dollars.

I had written to Mr. Nixon but received no reply to my letter. Senator Kennedy sent an immediate reply.

Yours truly

Mrs. Frances A. Joen
6319 Junata
St. Louis, Mo.



Rec. Sec. ✓

July 2, 1976

Mr. Charles K. Buckels
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

Dear Mr. Buckels:

Thank you for your letter of March 19th to the President. Mr. Rogers Morton has asked me to respond to your query.

The President has demonstrated his concern for Social Security recipients and his responsibility for the fiscal soundness of the program, and he would, of course, be interested in your thoughts on this matter. If you will address your comments to me at the President Ford Committee, we will insure that the proper officials receive your views.

Thank you for your persistence in communicating with us, and please accept my apologies for the delay in our response.

Sincerely,

Ralph Stanley
Research Division

RS:mh



Issue

Dr Citizens Social Sec. ✓

Comments ✓

June 2, 1976

Mr. J. Clyde Wickline
502 Halpatiokee Street, #7
Stuart, Florida 33493

Dear Mr. Wickline:

Michael T. Tarrent of the Florida President Ford Committee has sent us a copy of your recent letter. The type of problem you are having with your Social Security is the very type of problem which the President has in mind when he speaks of returning integrity to the Social Security System.

In his State of the Union address, the President asked Congress for a full cost of living increase in Social Security benefits payable in July 1976. He also called for a catastrophic illness program to protect everyone on Medicare against the cost of catastrophic illness.

For trust to be fully returned to Government officials, the bureaucratic problems you have had in getting your check must be resolved. During the twenty-two months of the Ford Administration, the President has dedicated himself to straightening out this bureaucracy.

Advances have been made but obviously much remains to be done. The President looks to the future optimistically and stands ready to face all challenges which might arise.

Thanks again for your support. Its great to know President Ford can count on your support in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Barbara Norris
Director of Correspondence

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THE PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE
IN FLORIDA

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ISSUE -
Special attn:
Social Security Problem

LOU FREY
CHAIRMAN

April 20, 1976

Mr. J. Clyde Wickline
502 Halpatiokee St., Apt. 7
Stuart, Florida 33494

Dear Mr. Wickline,

Thank you for your letter of March 25, 1976. I want to assure you that President Ford shares your concern over the inefficiencies in the Social Security System. He is committed to resolving the service problems created by an unresponsive bureaucracy.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter and enclosures to Washington to see if there is anything we can do to help resolve your problem.

Once again, thank you for your support. With the aid of concerned citizens like yourself, the president will be re-elected in the fall.

Very truly yours,

Michael T. Tarrant

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June 2, 1976

*Issues
Sec. Sec ✓*

Mr. Gary Ramsden
814 3rd Avenue
La Puente, California 91746

Dear Mr. Ramsden:

Ms. Betty Millsaps from David Liggett's office has forwarded your request for information on President Ford's stand on Social Security.

I am happy to enclose the pamphlet "President Ford is helping older Americans" which states his stand on Social Security. I hope this will answer your question. If not, please let us know what other information you need.

Thanks for your interest and I hope President Ford can count on your vote in November.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence

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May 19, 1976

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Ms. Barbara Norris
Director of Correspondence
President Ford Committee
1828 L Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Barbara:

I have received a request for specific information concerning the President's views on Social Security.

As I do not have this information here, I have told the young man requesting it that he will receive this material from the President Ford Committee headquarters. Please expedite this as much as possible.

His name is:

Gary Ramsden
814 3rd Avenue
La Puente, California 91746

Thanks in advance for your help.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Betty Millsaps

Betty Millsaps
Secretary to
David Liggett

BAM/

cc: Gary Ramsden



Senior Citizens: Social Security

Comments
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May 14, 1976

Miss Grace W. Collyer
1219 N. George Street
Kissimmee, Florida 32741

Dear Miss Collyer:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President Ford Committee.

You may be assured that President Ford understands the difficult circumstances under which our older Americans are living. His budget request for fiscal year 1977 includes a cost of living increase of 6.4% in Social Security benefits which will automatically be received in July.

I am enclosing a brochure on President Ford's program for Older Americans. I'm sure you will be pleased to learn more about his stand on the subject.

We hope you will be able to share this information with your friends.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence

BDN/jl



Support
cannot send
money

Miss Grace W. Collyer
1219 N. George Street
Kissimmee, Florida 32741

May 4, 1976

President Ford Committee
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I deeply regret that I will be unable
to participate in President Ford's
Campaign at this time.

On March 16th I fell and broke my
hip. On March 17th Dr. Johnson
operated and inserted a prosthesis,
so I am able to walk. But I have, as
yet, only a statement from the hospital,
and no indication of what Dr. Johnson's
bill will be. Nor any indication how
much of those bills Medicare will pay.
If by the first of July I find I can
send you a little money I will gladly
do so.

Very truly yours,
Grace W. Collyer



Senior Citizens: Social Security
Comments

May 13, 1976

Mrs. Tom Bradford
Route 4, Box 192
Poplar Bluff, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Bradford:

President Ford has asked that I thank you for your recent letter. Letters such as yours are important to those of us at the President Ford Committee, since they provide an excellent assessment of what people's problems are throughout the country.

The President sympathizes with much of what you say. He has said repeatedly that inflation hurts persons on fixed incomes the most. Consequently, in his State of the Union address in January, President Ford asked Congress for a full cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits. But, like on so many of the President's requests, the 94th Congress has not acted.

He has also proposed a catastrophic illness program which would cover unlimited stays in hospitals and nursing homes. President Ford's proposals plus the ongoing Federal action programs are specifically designed to improve the security, health and quality of life of older Americans.

President Ford hopes to continue these initiatives over the next four years. His election in November will be a mandate to the next Congress that the American people will not tolerate continued inaction on proposals such as the social security cost-of-living increases.

Thanks again for your letter and I hope President Ford can count on your vote in the November election.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence

BDN/dm



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April 20, 1976

*Issues
for Security*

Ms. Anita L. Martin
Emeritus Professor, Fine Arts
c/o University of Pittsburgh
Johnston, PA

Dear Ms. Martin:

Thank you for writing to President Ford. Please be assured that the President appreciates your position as a social security recipient.

In his State of the Union Message, President Ford called for an increase in the Social Security tax to assure the continuity of the system. He also recommended a cost-of-living increase for social security recipients.

In that same message, the President called for catastrophic health coverage for older Americans covered by Medicare. This program would pay for almost the entire cost of an extended illness.

To finance this added coverage, fees for short term care will go up somewhat, but no one, after reaching age 65, would have to pay more than \$500 for one year's covered hospital or nursing home care or more than \$250 for one year's doctor's bills. So much extra coverage and peace of mind for so little an increase (\$250 over current rules) should be worthwhile, don't you agree?

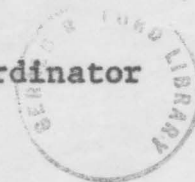
President Ford believes strongly that the single most important threat to the standard of living of older Americans is inflation. Therefore, his first economic priority has been, and continues to be, fighting inflation. There are strong positive indications in that area--the double digit inflation of a year ago has been nearly cut in half.

Again, thank you for your very thoughtful letter. We are hopeful of your support.

Sincerely,

BOB QUARTEL
Answer Desk Coordinator

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*Altering
Proc. Sec. ✓*

April 15, 1976

Mrs. Susie Centofante
175 Livingston Street
Northvale, New Jersey 07647

Dear Mrs. Centofante,

We at the President Ford Committee wish to thank you for your kind contribution to the campaign. President Ford appreciates very much your generosity. He also appreciates your position as an older American receiving social security benefits and your concern about paying taxes.

President Ford is anxious to increase social security benefits, and he has asked Congress for a full cost-of-living increase in these benefits. However, it takes time, as you know, to support the social security program. The President's wish is to reduce the problems we have, but it takes time to see the results.

I am enclosing a pamphlet on the President's "Older Americans" policies which may be of interest to you.

Please know that the President values your support and is indeed interested in your comments.

With warm regards to you.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence

Enc.

BDN/bw



President Gerald Ford

older
citizen comment

Dear President

Enclosed is ~~15~~ for
the Campaign. I wish I could give
More. I want to ask a question
I am 76 years old. Why do I have
to pay taxes I am retired and live
on S.C. I have a small income of about
\$4000 a year I am struggling to pay
property taxes going up every year
I don't want to loose my property
I am suffering to keep going
Please help me to carry on.

Let me from you. Good luck to
you my President Gerald Ford.

Hope you win again Now if
Governor fast a new tax on us
every burdoned all ready we don't
need new taxes. I have all to do to
buy food. Super Market prices
are so sky high. We can't afford to
carry on. Please give this letter to President -
Ford

Truly Yours Mrs Lucie Centofante
OVER

Address:
MRS. SASIE CENTOFANTE
175 LIVINGSTON ST
NORTHVALE, N.J. 07647

*Issues
Sec. Security
Mr. Higgins ✓*

April 2, 1976

Rose McDaniel
824 West 5th Street
Appleton, WI

Dear Rose McDaniel:

Thank you for writing to President Ford. We appreciate your position and your concerns as a social security recipient.

Please be assured that President Ford has no intention of rolling back Social Security benefits for those Americans, as yourself, who rely on them.

As a matter of fact, in his recent State of the Union message, President Ford called for an increase in the Social Security tax to assure the continuity of the system. He has also recommended a cost of living increase for Social Security recipients.

In that same message, the President called for catastrophic health coverage for older Americans covered by Medicare. This program would thus pay for almost the entire cost of extended illness.

To finance this added catastrophic illness coverage, fees for short-term care will go up somewhat, but no one after reaching age 65 will have to pay more than \$500 a year for covered hospital or nursing home care, nor more than \$250 for one year's doctor bills. So much extra coverage and peace of mind for so little an increase (\$250 over current rules) should be worthwhile, don't you think?

The provisions were also part of the President's special message on Older Americans in which he stated: "Today's older persons have made invaluable contributions to the strength that has resulted in unprecedented advancements in all of the areas of our life."

Again, thank you for your thoughtful letter. We are truly hopeful of your support.

Sincerely,

ROB QUARTEL
Answer Desk Coordinator



RQ/ljp

Sincerely,
April 1, 1976

*Issues
Soc. Security*

Francis P. Brennan
Roberst Manor
Apartment 302
1024 South 32nd Street
Omaha, NB. 68105

ROB QUARTEL
Answer Desk Coordinantor

Dear Mr. Brennan:

Thank you for writing to President Ford. We appreciate your position and your concern as a social security recipient.

Please be assured that President Ford has no intention of rolling back Social Security benefits for those Americans, as yourself, who rely on them.

As a matter of fact, President Ford has recently called for an increase in the Social Security tax to assure the continuity of the system. He also has recommended cost of living increases within the Social Security system.

In another action, which I am sure you will welcome, President Ford recently submitted legislation to the Congress calling for the consolidation of funding for special education programs for the handicapped and other groups into a \$10 billion block grant to the states. This would bring control of local programs and problems of the handicapped to local people where, the President believes, it belongs.

Thank you for your interest in writing and we are looking forward to your support.

Sincerely,

ROB QUARTEL
Answer Desk Coordinantor



Sept 12 1975

Mr. Clark:

1200 - 18th St N.W.

Suite 916 Wash. D.C. 20036



Mr. Clark,

Following up our conversation a few weeks ago regarding Mr. Ford's reelection in '76.

I think as president he has done a very good job, only he needs to be turned around, he is only for the rich people, not helping the 35,000 Social Security persons.

He will have to help the S.S. & low income people. I am on S.S. and the little I get do not meet my medicine, food, utility, and other living cost. and some are living in poverty, and with gas pricing going sky high and he is for them to go higher. I don't think he can expect to be reelected in '76 for the S.S., welfare & low income people will not vote for him.

If he would give the S.S. people, who have worked all their lives and kept this country together and now we are tossed aside as a forgotten person. I think it is a shame, he helps people from other countries and is in favor of raising the Congress and others Government people \$20,000 a year ⁱⁿ salaries.

I think he is trying to put the little fellow out of existence

I and thousands of others helped to bring this country out of the recession in the Thirties and Forties with smooth sailing through the Fifties + Sixties and now because the President and others has let it slip back in a recession again we retired people have to suffer for their mistakes I don't think it is fair

I am a member of the American Assoc. of Retired Persons. and all of them I have talked to, say the same, if Mr Ford don't want to help us we will find us a better candidate to be President Ford has vetoed all the bills Congress has passed for the

Social Security and Welfare and retired people
and has caused gas, (where we have to have
to go get our Medicine, Doctor visits & groceries
buying) to go sky high and now he wants
it to go higher so we can't afford it at all
while he rides around in "Air Force
One" burning up millions of gallons of it
I hope somebody will turn him
around. (as he say about others) so he can see
poor people want to live as well as the
rich I am.

Very Truly Yours
R. H. Mahones

P. S

Why don't he do something about this crime
that is going on around the country? get some
judges that will put criminals in jail, not
out on the street again to kill

The enclosed write up is written by some
one I know of and is the truth. but I
don't see the president doing anything about
this to save energy. and last winter all
the stores in Land Mark Va. had their heat
so high they had to open the doors while
I had to keep my temperature at 68 & freeze
turn him around before it is too late

*Senior Citizen
retirement*

October 7, 1976

Mr. James W. Keough
132 Bloomfield Street
Springfield, Massachusetts 01108

Dear Mr. Keough:

The Republican National Committee has forwarded your letter of September 22nd. We appreciate your writing and sharing with us your concern over the federal retiree's benefits.

As you know, the Federal retiree does not pay income tax on that part of his salary withheld for his pension. When the total amount of monies withheld is paid back in the form of a pension, then he begins to pay income taxes on the rest. For example, if a worker pays into the fund \$6,000 during his career and retires with a \$500 a month pension - the first 12 months of his retirement he does not pay tax. Then, after the \$6,000 is used up, income tax will be paid thereafter on the \$500 a month. The railroad workers pay tax on their total salaries (including the pension withheld), but when he takes his pension, he does not pay income tax. He does pay, however, on the supplement he receives, if any.

The President, in a speech on October 6, 1975, outlined a broad tax program which was designed to provide tax relief for individuals and to stimulate the economy. Specifically, he urged a continuation of the several tax reductions that were enacted in early 1975 and, in addition, to help the average taxpayer, he urged that the personal exemption be increased from \$750 to \$1,000.

The Congress has finally cleared the Tax Reform Act of 1976 and President Ford signed it on October 4th of this week.

It cannot be over-emphasized that inflation is the worst of all taxes, for it is unpredictable and strikes the middle income taxpayers hardest. Since President Ford has been in office, the rate of the inflation has been cut about in half and this is largely the result of the reductions in government spending which he has forced through his budget proposals and vetoes of unnecessary programs.

Also, President Ford has supported the concept of the Older Americans Act since its inception in 1965. Under President Ford's Administration, \$272 million, almost seven times the amount available three years earlier, went to this program.

Thank you again, Mr. Keough, for your letter, and I hope President Ford can count on your support in the important weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence

BDN/dm



for response
JAS has seen

National Chairman
C/O Republican Party
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir.

*Senior citizens
retirement*

132 Bloomfield St.,
Springfield, Mass, 01108.
9-22-76.

I am a federal retiree, retired, 9-28-63, after 34½ years of service in the railway mail service.

Besides being a federal retiree, I, also, belong to that group of people, middle income, senior citizens, who have been badly neglected by nearly everybody that could possibly help the senior citizens in my category. At the present time there are over two million federal retirees, this includes civilian and military, who must pay federal income taxes on their pensions, annuities.

Anybody getting social security, getting railroad retirement are exempt from federal income taxes but not federal retirees. WHY? There was a bill, Montoya, S. 2870, that was beaten by 45-40, and three (3) of the senators who are supposed to be liberals voted against this bill. If those supposed liberal senators, one a republican had voted the other way then federal retirees would have had the same privileges as receipts, social security, railroad retirees.

According to Republican people their slogan is "equal rights" One of the prominent senators, a republican, spoke very much against and I may say that he was the person most responsible that the Montoya bill did not go through.

Have you or any member of your staff ever thought about this group of federal retirees, civilian, military, that when you go and use the slogan 'equal rights' that this does not apply to any federal retiree because where are the equal rights when it comes to paying federal income taxes?

Giving thought to the number of federal retirees would it not benefit your party to try and woo many of the votes that belong to federal retirees? You have done badly so far for the "kicker" 1% wastaken away from us.

All the time that I have been retired (13 years) each year I have heard the old lullaby "a bill will be brought forth to ease the federal income taxes on your annuity", both parties had their chance to correct this inequity toward federal retirees but both parties agree on one thing "forget the federal retiree when it pertain to federal income taxes".

Hoping that this letter shall bring forth that I do not have equal rights because I am a federal retiree, senior citizen, that your party could be helped immensely if someone gave the federal retiree, civilian, military, a second thought. Thank you.

Very Truly Yours,

James W. Keough
James W. Keough

C. S. A 0814526

Retirement ✓

July 2, 1976

Mr. Michael C. Nave
National Association of Retired Federal Employees
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Nave:

Thank you for your letter expressing concern in relation to federal pensions. The Chairman has asked that I respond in his behalf and we apologize for the delay in our response.

President Ford certainly does not want to increase the economic burden upon persons who have faithfully served the federal government, but he feels that some changes are necessary.

Under existing law, when annuities under the Civil Service, Foreign Service, CIA, and military are adjusted to reflect changes in the cost of living, and ~~an extra 1% is added automatically~~. Since the 1% add-on became a part of the law in 1969, Government retirement annuity adjustments have led to increases totaling 63%. Yet during this same period, the actual increase in the Consumer Price Index was 50%.

As a result, annuities under these retirement systems received \$1.6 billion more by the end of fiscal year 1975 than they would have if the adjustments had simply kept pace with the actual increases in the CPI.

The President believes that Federal employees deserve to be protected from the ravages of inflation. But he feels that it is neither appropriate nor fiscally responsible for the Federal Government to continue to provide the additional 1% add-on.

There are many areas in relation to older Americans that President Ford should gain your support. For example, the President has enlarged the Medicare program to include catastrophic illnesses. President Ford believes in and will continue to strengthen the Older Americans Act. Finally, the President has launched a program to help out people with complaints in nursing homes.

Again, thank you for your views, and I hope that we can count on your support.

Sincerely,

Ralph Stanley
Asst. Answer Desk Coordinator

RS/dp



June 2, 1976

Handwritten:
~~For review~~
Return
Benefits ✓

Mr. Elias B. Mott
4353 Seton Road
Irvine, CA 92715

Dear Mr. Mott:

Thank you for your "position paper" and your views on the issue of recomputation of retirees' benefits contained in your note of March 24th.

Your views have been forwarded to the White House for the President's consideration. It is of course essential that elected officials receive the views of citizens on issues which affect their lives. I appreciate your having given us the benefit of reading your statement.

Sincerely,

ROB QUARTEL
Answer Desk Coordinator

RQ:mmm



*Retirement
Benefits*

June 2, 1976

CMt. Ralph E. Pearson, Ret.
2218 Alta Vista Avenue
Austin, TX 78704

Dear Col. Pearson:

Thank you for your letter of April 16th expressing
your views on recomputation of retirees' benefits.

Your letter has been forwarded to the White House
for the President's information. It is of course essential
that elected officials receive the views of citizens on
issues which affect their lives. I appreciate your having
given us the benefit of reading your letter.

Sincerely,

ROB QUARTEL
Answer Desk Coordinator

RQ:mm



~~to Citizens-retirement~~
Issue - Sr. Citizens ✓
Retirement

Comments ✓

May 19, 1976

Mr. Gustave A. Schave
3530 Seventeenth Street
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

Dear Mr. Schave:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of April 26th and your most generous contribution to his campaign.

With reference to your request for information on the Retirement Law passed recently, I am happy to enclose a copy of that Law - Public Law 93-406 entitled "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974". I have marked certain sections that I think are appropriate your specific questions. Possibly, upon reading through, it may answer other questions you might have in mind.

Thanks again for your kind words of encouragement and support, its good to know the President can count on your vote in November.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence

BDN/dm
Encl. As noted above.

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GUSTAVE A. SCHAVE
3530 Seventeenth Street
Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

April 26, 1976

The President
Washington, D.C.

Could you send me some information on the Retirement Law passed recently, specifically regarding the portion of earned retirement of a person converting to his widow in case of his death.

We hear a lot about how much we are paid in the form of retirement monies, which is true, (including Company monies which they say is a part of your salary), but if you earned it, it should be yours and/or your widows. I understand there are companies who do pay the widows 80% or more. In our case, if an employee passes away, the pension check stops. What about the earned monies the employee has paid into the plan and the monies paid by the Company? There have been a number of cases in our plant where the man received only a check or two, and a few - no checks at all because the person passed away a week or a few months after retiring.

I'm quite concerned about this because I will be retiring next March with 46 years of service. I work for BASF AG at Wyandotte, Michigan. I'm on salary and I understand the Pension Plan is fully vested.

This is something a vast number of people are concerned about. The President and Republican Party would make great strides if they would get this thing moving for the people. The Democrats say they do things to benefit the middle class and at times I do wonder about it.

Nevertheless, I and my family are all for you and think you are doing a great job.

Good luck and thank you,

Gustave A. Schave

Gustave A. Schave



*Senior Citizens
Health*

C.O.F.

September 8, 1976

Mr. Charles Ascherman
Douglas Gardens
151 N.E. 52nd Street
Miami, Beach, Fl. 33137

Dear Mr. Ascherman:

Thank you for your recent letter. We appreciate your interest since letters ~~from~~ concerned individuals like yourself give us encouragement as we continue our efforts towards victory in November.

In answer to your enquiry on President Ford's thoughts on Senior Citizens, I am enclosing two summaries which should provide you with some answers. One of them is on Older Americans, the other deals with Actions and Accomplishments on Health.

I hope that these summaries help you as you conduct your one man job campaigning for President Ford. Your help is greatly appreciated by us at the President Ford Committee. Keep up the good work as we head towards a victory in November.

Sincerely,

BDN/fse
encl:

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence



Douglas Gardens

AUG 29TH

senior citizens

151 NE. 52nd Street, Miami, Florida 33137

DEAR BARBARA D. NORRIS

THIS MORNING I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF AUG. 25TH - THANK YOU FOR THE FORD INFORMATION IN THIS LETTER - NOW I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW GERALD FORDS THOUGHTS ON HELPING THE SENIOR & DISABLED PEOPLE HANDICAPPED ETC - WHICH THERE ARE MANY FROM 62 YEARS OLD UP WHO HAVE DEPENDED FOR HELP THRU MEDICARE & MEDICAIDE ETC - NURSEING HOMES NEED THIS HELP ALSO IF THE HEALTH WELFARE DEPT. EXPECTS THEM TO MAINTAIN THE PROPER CARE OF THE SENIOR ILL ETC & GIVE THEM THE CARE GOOD FOOD PROPER ATTENTION ETC

UNDER SEPERATE COVER TO-DAY I AM FORWARDING TO YOU ANOTHER GOOD GERALD FORD COLUMN IN THE JEWISH "FLORIDIAN" - FROM NOW ON I WOULD SUGGEST YOU HAVE THE DADE COUNTY REPUBLICAN FORD FOR PRESIDENT TO CONTACT THE EDITOR OF THIS PUBLICATION TO FURNISH MORE GOOD MATERIAL FOR THE FORTH COMING DEBATE & GENERAL ELECTION THIS COULD HELP TO OBTAIN MORE OF THE REGULAR DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE SUPPORT THE GERALD FORD ELECTION

SINCERELY YOURS

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I WILL CONTINUE MY ONE MAN JOB TO ENLIGHTEN MORE VOTERS TO FAVOR FORD



In citizens health care

September 3, 1976

Mr. Bob Groves
c/o Philadelphia Health Management Corp.
530 Walnut Street, 13th Floor.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

Dear Mr. Groves:

Thank you very much for contacting the President Ford Committee with your request.

We have enclosed several quotes from President Ford on the needs of the elderly and of health care in general. We hope that these will be satisfactory for your needs.

If you have any further questions or requests, please feel free to call or write us. We hope you will support the President in November.

Sincerely,

Ralph Stanley
Research Division



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health care* ✓

August 26, 1976

Mr. Joseph B. Burns
President Ford Committee
477 Connecticut Boulevard, Suite 215
East Hartford, Connecticut 06108

Dear Mr. Burns:

In response to a request relayed through Mrs. Kronen to Ed Terrill, I am enclosing:

1. A page of quotes from the President's 1976 State of the Union Address, of which the first paragraph deals with the question of national health insurance.
2. The President's answer to a question on the subject at the University of New Hampshire on February 8.

As you undoubtedly are aware, the catastrophic health insurance program he mentions involves the President's proposal to Congress that would protect the elderly against the devastating impact of serious illness. The proposal provides that anyone eligible for Medicare would have to pay no more than \$500 a year for covered hospital or nursing home care nor more than \$250 a year for doctors' bills.

After proposing the catastrophic health insurance program in his State of the Union address, the President included this proposal in a special message to Congress on July 22 urging attention to the "unfinished agenda of legislative business."

Sincerely,

Rob Quartel
Answer Desk Coordinator

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Enclosure



Issue

Dr. Citizens - ~~Medicaid~~
Healthcare ✓

~~Comments~~

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May 18, 1976

Audrey VanDament
1106 S. Lafayette Avenue
Royal Oak, Michigan 48067

Dear Audrey:

Thank you very much for sharing with us your recent letter to Mr. Clyde V. Downing, Regional Commissioner of Health Education and Welfare. Comments such as yours are important to us at the President Ford Committee since they provide an excellent example of what people are thinking throughout the country.

You can rest assured that your comments on medicaid have been carefully noted.

Much has been accomplished during the twenty-one months of the Ford Administration, though much remains to be done. The President looks to the future optimistically and stands ready to face all challenges which might arise.

Thanks again and I hope President Ford can count on your support in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Barbara Norris
Director of Correspondence

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Audrey Van Dament

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You can rest assured that your comments on ~~and~~ medicare have been carefully noted. ~~The President is very concerned about the problem you raised~~

Much has been accomplished during the 21 months of the Ford Administration, though much remains to be done. The President looks to the future optimistically and stands ready to face all challenges which might arise.

Thanks again and I hope President Ford can count on your support in the months ahead.

Sincerely,



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welfare
medicaid*

1106 S. Lafayette Ave.
Royal Oak, Michigan 48067
April 25, 1976

Mr. Clyde V. Downing
Regional Commissioner
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
300 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Mr. Downing:

RE: Your Letter 4-20-76

The letter to President Gerald R. Ford to which you refer must be the form letter for additional campaign contribution which I returned requesting that my name be removed from mailing list as I lost my job 2-12-73, had cancer surgery 6-24-75, under Medicaid, which was cancelled 3-30-76, while still undergoing chemotherapy. Therefore, under the circumstances it was impossible to make the suggested contributions.

I understand I am ineligible for Medicaid since I am now getting \$296.70 disability. I understand costly repairs to furnaces, sewers, plumbing, wind damage, mortgage and utility increases, etc. do not figure in allowances.

There was no complaint. I understand the rules: Every one has been very cooperative and helpful.

When Medicaid, etc. is cancelled there should be some alternative. There is none. No insurance is available to any one who has ever had or been treated for cancer, heart trouble, stroke, etc. Even if one recovers fully, a person who has been covered under Medicaid for one of the dread diseases cannot get any insurance to replace Medicaid but must pay full medical/hospital charges.

Sincerely,

Audrey VanDament
Audrey VanDament

cc President Ford Committee
Republican National Committee
Mr. John T. Dempsey



Senior Citizens - health care

~~Comments~~
State ✓

April 30, 1976

Commander Arthur C. Meade (Ret.)
6920 Donachie Road, Apt. 202
Baltimore, Maryland 21239

Dear Commander Meade:

Thank you so much for your contribution toward the President's election, and for your thoughtful letter reflecting some of the problems before older Americans.

Perhaps the enclosed brochure will be of interest to you. Please be assured that you may count on the President's efforts to make life better for those who face illness and economic hardships and his continuation of programs to improve health care delivery.

We hope that we can continue to count on your strong support in the months ahead, and again want to thank you for your personal contribution.

Sincerely,

Barbara D. Norris
Director of Correspondence

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Veteran

ARTHUR CHEW MEADE

ATTORNEY AT LAW

GLENMONT TOWERS

6920 DONACHIE ROAD, APT 202
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (21239)

19 FEBRUARY 1976

President Gerald R. Ford,
c/o The President Ford Committee,
P.O. Box 300
Washington, D.C. (20044)

Dear Mr. President:

Re: Campaign Contribution Appeal

I have your personal letter and before me I have a copy of the February 1976 AARP NEWS BULLETIN carrying an article captioned "Catroscopic Health Plan for Aged Proposed by Ford."

The tragedy of the neglect of the aged and the ill comes directly home to me with a wife seriously ill in a Nursing Home suffering from ARTERIOSCLEROSIS.

I shall reach 80 16 April 1976 and after serving in World War I in combat and World War II I cannot fully comprehend the logic behind the fact that illness of age "does not qualify" one for hospitalization for retirees and their dependents beyond treatment for MEDICAL reasons.

In other words we should be taken out and shot as we do and old horse because MEDICARE and the MILITARY after twenty days in a Nursing Home dumps us overboard to sink or swim until death terminates the dilemma of our illness.

Fortunately, after being virtually dead five times I am still carrying on above and beyond the call of duty to carry my responsibility to my sick wife and to keep my head above water.

I am persuaded to send you a check for as much as I can afford or cannot afford, because your letter does break the communication gap and I seriously hope that it will continue to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Meade
Arthur C. Meade
Commander SC USNR (Retired)

