President Gerald R. Ford to Senator James O. Eastland, 1 April 1976

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Dear Jim:

The signing on March 24 of House Joint Resolution 549, approving the Northern Marianas Islands Commonwealth Covenant, marks a very important moment in our Nation's history. It reaffirms our commitment to the principles of self-determination, and it honors the freely expressed wishes of the peoples of these islands for political union with the United States.

I wish to commend and congratulate you, as a Member of Congress, for your commitment to this objective and for your cooperation in working for the enactment of this legislation. As a memento of the successful culmination of our efforts, I am pleased to send you a ceremonial pen.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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