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Gerald R. Ford

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Mr. James O. Eastland  
Doddsville, Mississippi 38736

Dear Mr. Eastland,

I am writing you today to personally ask for your help in a matter that is of great concern to me.

Since becoming President, I have tried to achieve many things. Among them are holding the line of government spending to reduce inflation, a strong national defense, less government regulation, and a national energy program to prevent us from being at the mercy of foreign energy suppliers.

As you know, many of these efforts and other positive steps have been thwarted by a Congress heavily controlled by the Democrats. In some instances, the Congress has turned a deaf ear; in others it has written its own extravagant legislation.

I have had to employ the veto over 40 times to stem this tide of irresponsible legislation.

However, Mr. Eastland, you and I know that this is only a temporary solution.

What America needs is a Republican Congress working for Republican goals. Unless more Republicans are elected in 1976, inflation and excessive deficit spending will continue.

That is why I have visited many regions of the country for the Republican Party and Republican candidates. Though I would prefer to contact you on one of these party-building trips, time dictates a written message.

Democrats seem to believe that America is great because of what government does for people and generally vote for more government programs, more federal spending and taxing. Republicans believe America is great because of what free people do for themselves and generally vote for less government involvement. Democrats have controlled the Congress

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for 40 of the last 45 years and have contributed to the many problems we face today.

The best way to begin overcoming such problems is to elect more Republicans to Congress in 1976. That is the best way to reduce wasteful government spending, cut back needless federal controls which are strangling our private enterprise system, and reform a welfare system that saps individual initiative and costs you and other taxpayers billions of dollars each year.

This is why I sincerely hope you will decide, today, to support the outstanding work of the National Republican Congressional Committee in its effort to elect Republicans in 1976.

This committee supports Republican candidates for the House of Representatives with direct campaign contributions and a wide variety of important campaign services.

From my own experience as a Member of Congress, I know that the Committee's support is invaluable in electing and re-electing Republicans to the House of Representatives.

Committee Chairman, Congressman Guy Vander Jagt, has told me a financial goal of $2,100,000 has been established for the 1976 GOP Victory Fund. I feel this sum is reasonable and necessary. It must be achieved.

You can play a major role by joining me and the Committee in our joint efforts to elect a Republican Congress by sending your maximum contribution in the enclosed envelope. In order to successfully reach this goal, we need virtually 100% participation by all friends and supporters of this Committee.

Without your help we simply cannot elect more Republicans to Congress.

I look forward to Chairman Vander Jagt's report to me on the results of this appeal, Mr. Eastland.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mr. James O. Eastland
Dear Mr. President...

I agree...
To: President Gerald R. Ford, c/o GOP VICTORY FUND
P.O. Box 2837, Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. President:

I agree. We must stop waste in government, cut bureaucratic rules and regulations, fight inflation and recession and keep a strong U.S. Military Defense.

I know you need 100% participation to reach your goal and I will do my share to help. Enclosed is my contribution to the 1976 GOP VICTORY FUND in the amount of:

☐ $25  ☐ $100  ☐ $75  ☐ $50
☐ $25  ☐ $15  ☐ $10

☐ CHECK ATTACHED  ☐ BILL ME $——  ☐ QUARTERLY  ☐ OTHER: ——

☐ I am sorry. I cannot contribute now. But please keep me informed of your GOP Victory Fund Campaign plans for this year.

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PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME HERE

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Please make checks payable to the GOP 1976 Victory Fund. Your personal letter of acknowledgment (a valid tax-deductible receipt) will be sent by return mail. Please indicate changes of address necessary. Thank you!

Please return your check in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Corporate contributions are prohibited by law.

If you are a Federal employee or if you have a matter pending before a Federal regulatory commission or a Federal agency, please disregard this appeal.

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