

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Bob:

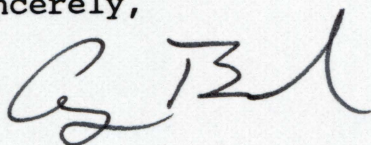
Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your vote to sustain my veto of the Amtrak Authorization Bill. I know this was a politically difficult vote for some, but the provision adding a new scheme to regulate railroad acquisitions was unneeded and unwise.

I do not lightly exercise my Constitutional authority to veto legislation adopted by Congress. Nor do I underestimate the difficulty of sustaining many Presidential vetoes. Yet, if we are to continue to be able to effectively counter the Democrat majority in both Houses of Congress, the veto must remain a credible threat against ill-advised legislation.

During the first 16 months of my Administration, you have consistently voted to sustain my vetoes. I want you to know that I am very well aware of your support and grateful for it.

Inevitably, more legislation will require a veto. My Administration, as it has in the past, will turn to you for advice, leadership and support. I am personally grateful for your help in achieving our mutual goals.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Robert Dole
Republican Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510