## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1981

Dear Bob:

I am very pleased to sign into law today S. 509, a bill which would give the Secretary of Agriculture authority to forego the scheduled increase in milk price supports this April 1.

This modest change is of great importance: It is a vital first step toward correcting program deficiencies, and it is an integral part of my Economic Recovery Program. This action will reduce Federal outlays by \$147 million in fiscal year 1981 and by approximately \$450 million over the next five years.

I want to express my gratitude for your support of this measure which will contribute to the restoration of the Nation to sound economic health.

Because of your assistance in passage of this bill, I am enclosing a signing pen as a memento of this occasion.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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

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