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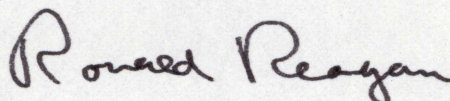
Dear Bob:

I want to thank you for your vote yesterday to sustain my veto of the Standby Petroleum Allocation Act, S. 1503.

The decision to return the legislation to the Senate without my approval was not easy. I appreciate the good faith efforts of the bill's sponsors to make sure that our nation is prepared against possible disruption of energy supplies. However, I do not believe that giving the Federal government the power to allocate and set prices would result in an equitable and orderly response to a supply interruption.

I am grateful for your support on this difficult issue. I believe we have served well the public interest.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Robert Dole  
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