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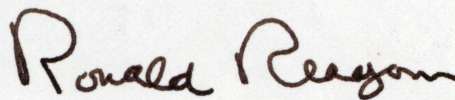
Dear Bob:

Yesterday I had the honor and privilege of signing into law legislation extending the Voting Rights Act of 1965. With gratitude for your sponsorship of this bill and the leadership role you played in its passage, I want to present you with the signing pen I used at that ceremony as well as a copy of the Act.

The right to vote is the crown jewel of American liberties. Enactment of this bipartisan legislation demonstrates America's commitment to all of her people that no barrier will come between them and the voting booth. With the signing of this longest extension of the Act since its original enactment, we can say to each citizen, "Your vote is equal, your vote is meaningful, your vote is your constitutional right and we will not let its lustre be diminished."

I salute you for ensuring every American's right to vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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

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One of two pens used in signing

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