

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1983

Dear Bob:

On May 18, it was my honor to sign Senate Joint Resolution 51, which designated May 21, 1983, as National Andrei Sakharov Day. I am pleased to present you with this signing pen in recognition of your leadership efforts in securing passage of this resolution.

This measure pays appropriate tribute to a man who has earned the admiration and gratitude of the people of the United States and other countries throughout the world for his tireless and courageous efforts on behalf of international peace and on behalf of basic human freedoms for the peoples of the Soviet Union. In the face of continuous harassment and mistreatment by the Soviet authorities, Dr. Andrei Sakharov has continued his work for peace and individual human rights. Despite his exile to the remote city of Gorkiy on January 22, 1980, and despite the efforts by the Soviet authorities to deny Dr. Sakharov the means of carrying on his work and maintaining contact with the outside world, the example of Andrei Sakharov's courage continues to shine brightly.

Again, it is my privilege to recognize your efforts for giving Americans everywhere the opportunity to reaffirm that, despite attempts at repression, the ideals of peace and freedom will endure and ultimately triumph.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable Bob Dole
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