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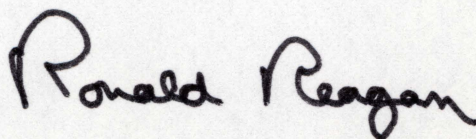
Dear Bob:

The Senate Judiciary Committee will soon be voting on the nominations of Morris Abram, John Bunzel and Robert Destro to be members of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, and Linda Chavez as Staff Director of the Commission. I am writing to you today to reiterate my strong support for and belief in these outstanding Americans.

In nominating these citizens to the Civil Rights Commission, I took particular care to select individuals whose dedication to the principle of equality was not only unquestioned, but demonstrably evident. They have, along their separate paths, devoted their lives to the civil rights of all people, regardless of race, color, creed, gender or national origin. Further, I chose them for their quality of independence of judgement. These nominees have made it clear to the White House, to the Senate and to the American people that they intend to continue exercising that independence as members of the Commission.

I know you share my deep concern for the future of civil rights in this country. I strongly urge you to vote for these four dedicated individuals when you meet in Executive Session this week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized script. The first letter "R" is large and loops around. The name "Reagan" follows in a similar cursive style.

The Honorable Robert Dole
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United States Senate
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