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The Honorable George J. Mitchell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear George:

This letter is a follow-up to my previous letter to you, dated July 6, 1990, in which I responded to your 5-point campaign finance reform proposal.

As promised, I have attached for your review a Republican counter-proposal. In a nutshell, the counter-proposal incorporates the "flexible" approach endorsed by the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Panel, which we established jointly last February.

As you know, the Bipartisan Panel distinguished between "potentially corrupting" sources of campaign financing (PACs and out-of-state contributors) and "desirable sources," such as a candidate's own individual constituents. The Republican counter-proposal reflects this distinction by adopting the following three key principles:

1. A Ban on Political Action Committee (PAC) Contributions.
2. "Flexible" Fundraising Targets establishing aggregate limits on personal funds, contributions from out-of-state individuals in excess of \$250, and contributions from PACs (if the PAC-ban is declared unconstitutional).
3. A Reduction in the Out-of-State Individual Contribution Limit from \$1,000 to \$500.

Like the Bipartisan Panel, the Republican counter-proposal also recognizes the importance of expanding the role of the national and state political parties and the need to reduce the cost of campaigns by making television advertising more affordable.

George, I look forward to hearing your thoughts on the Republican counter-proposal at your earliest convenience. It is

my sincere hope that the counter-proposal can serve as the basis for a comprehensive and bipartisan compromise on this very important issue for all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Dole". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

BOB DOLE

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