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NEW HAMPSHIRE

IT'S AWFULLY GOOD BEING HERE IN SANDWICH TODAY; IT'S GOOD BEING ANYWHERE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE DURING FOLIAGE SEASON. YOU KNOW, I'VE MADE SO MANY TRIPS UP HERE THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, I FEEL A LITTLE LIKE A GRANITE STATER MYSELF.

FOR ONE THING, I FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE WITH THE PEOPLE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE. I LIKE YOUR HONESTY, YOUR REFUSAL TO TOLERATE ANY SORT OF PRETENSE, AND YOUR INSISTENCE THAT GOVERNMENT STOP DOING THOSE THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR YOURSELVES BETTER.

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HELP FOR THE AVERAGE AMERICAN

I GREW UP IN A TOWN NOT UNLIKE THIS ONE, AND I KNEW WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO RELY ON YOUR NEIGHBORS AND YOUR COMMUNITY AND YOUR FAITH FOR THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE. I WENT OFF TO THE WAR AND I LEARNED WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO SUFFER. I KNOW HOW AVERAGE PEOPLE LIVE - BECAUSE I LIVE THAT WAY.

AND THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL PEOPLE AS I GO AROUND NEW HAMPSHIRE AND HER SISTER STATES. WE ALL KNOW THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH LEADERSHIP IN THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY. WE ALL KNOW THAT IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE TO GIVE A PRESIDENT ON THE JOB TRAINING. WE ALL KNOW THAT IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE, THAT SOMEONE HAS GOT TO TURN AROUND THE COURSE OF GOVERNMENT IN THIS COUNTRY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

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BUT WE DON'T WANT A MAN ON HORSEBACK. WE DON'T WANT
SOMEONE LARGER THAN LIFE. WE WANT SOMEONE WHO UNDER-
STANDS AVERAGE LIVES, AND WANTS TO IMPROVE THEM BASED ON
HIS OWN INSIGHTS AND EXPERIENCE.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

IT MEANS PASSING AN ENERGY PROGRAM THAT'S BASED ON
PRODUCTION. CONSERVATION IS IMPORTANT - EVERYONE IS
FOR THAT. BUT CONSERVATION ALONE WON'T GET US
THROUGH THE ENERGY CRISIS. AND NEITHER WILL THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.

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WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS TO GIVE ENERGY PRODUCERS, NOT A WINDFALL PROFIT, BUT THE STEADY INCENTIVES THAT ANY MARKETPLACE REQUIRES IF IT'S GOING TO FUNCTION SMOOTHLY. A LOT OF OUR PROBLEM WITH ENERGY HAS COME ABOUT BECAUSE WE'VE REFUSED TO TRUST THE MARKET SYSTEM. WE'VE REGULATED IT, AND THEN WE FOUND OURSELVES HIT HARDER THAN EVER BY DECONTROL.

HOME HEATING FUEL-HELP FOR NEW ENGLAND

BUT, BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN DECONTROL, BECAUSE I BELIEVE YOU HAVE TO GIVE A PRODUCER A FAIR RETURN FOR HIS INVESTMENT, THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE CAN ABANDON OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE POOR OR THOSE WHO HAVE A SPECIAL DEPENDENCE UPON HOME HEATING OIL.

I'VE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION IN THE SENATE TO PROVIDE TAX CREDITS - UP TO \$250 - TO THOSE WHO FIND THEMSELVES HIT BY THE BIG INCREASES IN HOME HEATING OIL COST THAT HAVE SPECIAL IMPACT ON NEW ENGLAND. FOR THOSE IN LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS, ESPECIALLY IN COLDER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, I'D PROVIDE MORE DIRECT ASSISTANCE.

FOR INSTANCE, A NEW HAMPSHIRE FAMILY OF FOUR WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FOOD STAMPS COULD ALSO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ABOUT \$76 IN MONTHLY FUEL ASSISTANCE, WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF YOU? I'VE INTRODUCED WHAT I CALL THE FUEL OIL GUARANTEE ACT - THAT WOULD TAKE CARE OF A CASH FLOW PROBLEM HURTING SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED FUEL OIL DEALERS. BECAUSE OPEC IS SQUEEZING MAJOR PRODUCERS, THE PRODUCERS SQUEEZE THEIR DEALERS, AND THE ULTIMATE SQUEEZE IS PASSED ON TO YOU, THE CONSUMER. I WANT TO SEE THOSE PRESSURES EASED BY MAKING MORE LOANS TO SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED DEALERS THROUGH THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

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THIS WILL KEEP THOSE DEALERS IN BUSINESS AT A TIME OF TIGHT CREDIT. IT WILL ALSO REDUCE THE PRESSURE FOR THESE DEALERS TO COLLECT BILLS IMMEDIATELY, AT THE RISK OF CUTTING OFF THE ELDERLY, OR THE HARDPRESSED, AND ALL THOSE WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO COPE WITH THE SKYROCKETING PRICE OF HOME HEATING FUEL.

THE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION

ALL OF US HAVE TO COPE WITH THE RISING COST OF ENERGY. WE DON'T LIKE IT, BUT WE MUST CONFRONT IT, AND FIND WAYS TO MINIMIZE ITS IMPACT ON OUR LIVES AND OUR ECONOMY. BY THE SAME TOKEN, EVERYONE OF YOU HAS TO GO TO A SUPERMARKET, OR A GAS STATION. EVERYONE OF YOU HAS TO BUY SHOES FOR YOUR KIDS OR SCHOOLCLOTHES OR SEE A DOCTOR. AND YOU KNOW WHAT INFLATION IS DOING TO YOUR BUDGET. I KNOW; I GO TO THE MARKET TOO.

UNTIL WE CONTROL INFLATION, WE'RE NEVER GOING TO GET OUR ECONOMY IN HARNESS. SO I'VE INTRODUCED BILLS TO PUT A LID UPON BOTH FEDERAL SPENDING AND TAXING. I WANT TO REFORM THE TAX SYSTEM, TYING IT TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, SO WHEN YOU GET A RAISE OR JOB PROMOTION, YOU DON'T LOSE YOUR GAINS BECAUSE INFLATION PUSHES YOU INTO A HIGHER BRACKET. AND I WANT TO PASS NEW TAX INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS EXPANSION BECAUSE ONLY THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN CREATE JOBS THAT LAST.

GOVERNMENT CAN'T DO A LOT OF THINGS IT TRIES TO DO NOW. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE SHOULD JUNK IT, OR BECOME CYNICAL ABOUT IT. WE SHOULD ELECT PEOPLE WHO KNOW HOW TO MAKE IT WORK. WE SHOULD TURN TO OUR BETTER INSTINCTS, ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES, AND GET TO WORK ON MAKING THIS COUNTRY ALL IT WAS MEANT TO BE.

WE'VE GOT THE RESOURCES. WE'VE GOT THE TALENT, THE
NATURAL RESOURCES, THE TECHNOLOGY. WE'VE GOT THE SKILLS,
WE'VE GOT THE KNOW-HOW. WHAT WE NEED IS LEADERSHIP
TO GIVE IT ALL A SENSE OF DIRECTION.

THAT'S WHAT I'VE TRIED TO PROVIDE FOR 18 YEARS IN THE CONGRESS,
AS NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF MY PARTY, AND AS PRESIDENT FORD'S
RUNNING MATE IN 1976.

I BELIEVE IN PRODUCTION, NOT REGULATION, IN MILITARY
STRENGTH, NOT WEAKNESS, IN PEOPLE INSTEAD OF GOVERNMENT.
THOSE ARE THINGS FOR WHICH THE PEOPLE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
HAVE ALWAYS STOOD.

NOW, I'M GOING TO STAY HERE AT THE FAIR FOR A WHILE;
YOU CAN SPOT ME IN THE 1935 CHEVY FIRETRUCK IN THE PARADE.
I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH EACH OF YOU PERSONALLY, TO KNOW
WHAT YOUR INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ARE, AND TRY TO EXPLAIN
MORE FULLY WHAT I THINK WE CAN DO AS A NATION TO MEET THOSE
CONCERNS. I HOPE WE CAN TALK.

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THE CHOICE BEFORE US

AND NOW, LET ME CLOSE WITH A FEW LINES FROM THIS
STATE'S GREAT POET, ROBERT FROST, WHO WROTE ABOUT CHOICES,
AND ROADS MEETING AND STRETCHING OUT BEFORE THE TRAVELER.

"TWO ROADS DIVERGED IN A WOOD, AND I--
I TOOK THE ONE LESS TRAVELED BY,
AND THAT HAS MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE."

THE ROAD WE TAKE IN 1980 CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE,
FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND ALL AMERICANS.
I ASK YOU TO TURN AWAY FROM THE TEMPORARY DETOUR OF
BIG GOVERNMENT, AN OVERLY REGULATED AND UNPRODUCTIVE
ECONOMY, AND TOO MUCH INTERFERENCE IN INDIVIDUAL LIVES,
AND RETURN TO THE ROAD THAT WE TRAVELED FOR MOST OF OUR
HISTORY. THAT IS THE ROAD THAT MADE AMERICA GREAT.
IT IS A ROAD THAT WILL KEEP US GREAT. WE CANNOT STAY
OFF IT FOR LONG.

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