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DOLE URGES ERIE VOTERS TO SUPPORT REAGAN

ERIE, PA. ---Following are remarks by Senator Dole on behalf of Governor Reagan:

Pennsylvania proudly calls herself the Keystone State. Next tuesday, and again in November, she can very well make herself the keystone of a return to political common sense. She can lead the way to an economy that believes in productivity instead of the regulatory straight jacket. She can lead the way to real and lasting tax relief for millions of hard pressed Americans. She can lead the way to a foreign policy that relies on military strength instead of presidential wishful thinking.

A Fateful Choice for Pennsylvania

On Tuesday, the voters of Pennsylvania will be asked to make a fateful choice. They can clinch the Republican nomination for Ronald Reagan, and set the state for a November victory of historic dimensions. For several months I believed I could offer the voters of this and other states some economic policies that would rescue the value of our dollar and restore lost jobs in cities like Erie, Johnstown, Wilkes Barre, Scranton, and Lancaster. The voters of my party told me loud and clear that, while they wanted such policies, they also wanted Ronald Reagan to be the man to carry them out.

I wanted to be President. But I want much more for the next President, whoever he may be, to turn away from the disastrous course that has plunged our prestige abroad as low as the strength of our dollar. I want to reject the economic policies that have led to 18% inflation, record interest rates, and a recession that the people of Pennsylvania have known about earlier than anyone else. The men in the steel mills, like the men on the auto assembly lines, don't have to be told by Washington statisticians that their jobs are in danger.

The housewife doesn't need Washington to tell her that prices are going through the roof. No one needs to be reminded that our failure to develop a cohesive energy policy has doubled our dependence on foreign oil and weakened the whole foundation of America's domestic economy.

The failures of the Carter Administration are real, and obvious. But criticism alone isn't enough; these days, it may be about the only thing that comes cheaply.

Ronald Reagan And A Positive Alternative

Ronald Reagan isn't just criticizing what's gone wrong with the Carter Administration. He's offering positive alternatives to more of the same. He has offered a realistic proposal to reduce federal spending and taxation, and thereby stimulate America's natural genius for private production. He knows that government spending is the major single cause behind inflation, and in eight years as Governor of California he demonstrated a capacity to administer a massive government with competence as well as compassion. He's offering the voter a vision of America in the world that is unafraid of reasserting her historic claim to moral and economic leadership.

The Reagan alternative is more than the traditional appeal of die-hard party loyalists to one another. It promises a realignment of political sympathies, reaching out to the poor, the neglected, the voiceless worker and hard pressed homeowner. His coalition for change is in the best tradition of a party that has always stood up for the rights of the individual to the fruits of his or her labor.

Ronald Reagan can win in November. More important, Ronald Reagan should win in November. And the people of Pennsylvania can help make that happen by supporting Governor Reagan this Tuesday.