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March 12, 1992

The Honorable Bob Dole United States Senate 141 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Attention: Yvonne Hopkins

Dear Senator Dole:

In preparation for the American Frozen Food Institute's (AFFI) Convocation of Committees to be held next week in Washington, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know once again how pleased we are that you have accepted our invitation to speak at the dinner event we will host on Tuesday, March 17, 1992. As you know, the dinner will be held at the Park Hyatt Hotel, located at 24th and M Streets, N.W. in Washington, D.C., and will begin at 6:30 p.m. Prior to the dinner, at 5:30 p.m., we also will host a reception at the hotel, and if your schedule permits, we would welcome your attendance there as well.

I understand from your staff that you will arrive at the hotel at approximately $6:30~\mathrm{p.m.}$ I will be at the entrance of the hotel prior to that time to greet you and escort you to the dinner event.

I also understand from your staff that you have a number of other engagements that evening and, therefore, would prefer to speak right at 6:30 p.m., prior to the serving of dinner, so that you may attend the other events following ours. We certainly are happy to accommodate your schedule and will encourage the attendees to arrive at the dinner promptly.

So that you may have a better idea of the attendees at AFFI's Convocation of Committees, I am pleased to enclose a list of the individuals we anticipate will participate next week, as well as their company affiliation. I hope this is helpful to you.

Senator Dole, we certainly look forward to seeing you next Tuesday, and we appreciate your taking the time from your busy schedule to join us. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or comments about the plans for the Convocation of Committees.

Sincerely,

Leslie G. Sarasin

Vice President of Government Relations and Staff Counsel

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We would be interested in your comments on your responsibilities and activities as the Minority Leader of the Senate, as well as issues relating to the frozen food industry which you deem appropriate.

Please feel free to contact me at (703) 821-0770 if you or your staff have any questions. Otherwise, I will follow up by telephone very soon.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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SENATOR BOB DOLE FROZEN FOOD INSTITUTE MARCH 17, 1992

*THANK YOU. IT'S A
PLEASURE TO BE HERE THIS
EVENING.

*WITH THE SCHEDULES THAT
ELIZABETH AND I LEAD, THE
FROZEN FOOD MANUFACTURERS

HAVE BECOME VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES.

*IN FACT, ELIZABETH WANTED
ME TO TELL YOU THAT SINCE WE
SPEND SO MUCH MONEY ON
FROZEN DINNERS, SHE EXPECTS
ALL OF YOU TO RETURN THE
FAVOR BY DONATING BLOOD TO
THE RED CROSS.

*BEFORE I DISCUSS ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO YOU AS **BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN, I** DO WANT TO MAKE ONE THING VERY CLEAR. THE SENATE DOES NOT HAVE A BANK. IT HAS NEVER HAD A BANK. AND IT WILL NEVER HAVE A BANK. *LAST WEEK, HOWEVER, THE SENATE SHOWED ONCE AGAIN

THAT IT HAS NO COMPUNCTION
ABOUT RAIDING THE BANK
ACCOUNTS OF AMERICA'S
SMALL BUSINESSMEN AND
WOMEN.

*BY A VOTE OF 50-47, THE
SENATE PASSED A SO-CALLED
"ECONOMIC GROWTH" BILL,
WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY BE

GOOD ECONOMIC NEWS MARCH 17, 1992

o More good news on the economy today! In February, homebuilding activity rose strongly, industrial production picked up for the first time in months, and consumer inflation remained modest.

Here are the details:

- o Housing starts rose a strong 9.6% in February following a good 6.4% rise the previous month.
- o The trend has been strongly upward over the last year, rising 55 percent since January 1991 -- 20% in the last 3 months!
- o The Industrial Production Index which measures production activity in factories -- about one-fourth of the economy -- rose 0.6% in February, turning around the downward trend of recent months.
- Consumer inflation was reported at 0.3% in February -- a modest
 3.5% at an annual rate.
- o Today's news comes on top of news last week of very strong retail sales gains in January and February, and a pickup in employment last month.
- Retail sales rose 1.3% in February and 2.1% in January. The two-month increase was the strongest two months since 1985.
- New jobs rose 164,000 in February, about as good an increase as we have seen since before the recession began in 1990.
- The unemployment rate was reported to have risen to 7.3% last month. But improvements in unemployment typically lag behind in recoveries and we probably shouldn't make too much of that number.

- The economy could falter again as it did last year, no one knows for sure.
- But these are very good signs -- and reason, I believe, to be optimistic.

VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT--AS
IT SHOULD BE.

*THE DEMOCRATS CALL IT A "FAIRNESS" BILL.

*WELL IT'S A FAIRNESS BILL,
ONLY IF FAIRNESS MEANS THAT
MISERY LOVES COMPANY, AND
THE PRESENT UNEMPLOYED
WANT SEVERAL MILLION MORE
TO JOIN THEM.

*THE FACT IS THAT 89% OF THE TAX INCREASES IN THE BILL WILL COME STRAIGHT OUT OF THE POCKET OF AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESSMEN AND **WOMEN--BUSINESSMEN AND** WOMEN WHO WILL SEE THEIR MONEY GO TO UNCLE SAM INSTEAD OF USING IT TO HIRE NEW EMPLOYEES.

*THIS IS BECAUSE SMALL
BUSINESS, SUCH AS SOLE
PROPRIETORS, PARTNERSHIPS,
AND SUB-CHAPTER S
CORPORATIONS FILE THEIR
TAXES AS INDIVIDUALS.

*BUT IT'S NOT TOO LATE. IF
WE CAN GET BEYOND THE
POLITICAL GAMES, IF THE
DEMOCRATS WOULD EMBRACE

A GROWTH INITIATIVE RATHER THAN A JOB KILLER, WE WOULD HAVE A BILL THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD SIGN IMMEDIATELY. BUT MORE THAN THAT -- IT WOULD **DEMONSTRATE THAT CONGRESS** CAN ACT RESPONSIBLY, TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL AMERICANS.

*BUT, THEN AGAIN, YESTERDAY'S WASHINGTON POST SUMMED UP A FEELING SHARED BY MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. THEY WROTE, "THE RISK OF BAD LEGISLATION THIS SESSION IS MUCH GREATER THAN THE LIKELIHOOD OF ANY GOOD. GO HOME."

FOOD INDUSTRY ISSUES

*AS YOU KNOW, CONGRESS
HAS STRUGGLED FOR SEVERAL
YEARS IN AN ATTEMPT TO PASS
SOME KIND OF FOOD SAFETY
MEASURE.

*GENERALLY SPEAKING, THE
PRIMARY STUMBLING BLOCK
CONTINUES TO BE THE
DETERMINATION BY SOME

MEMBERS TO LEGISLATE ON THE BASIS OF FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN, RATHER THAN ON SCIENCE AND COMMON SENSE. *I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE IMPACT THAT SOME OF THE RIGID PROPOSALS FLOATING AROUND WOULD HAVE--NOT JUST UPON FARMERS AND THE FOOD

INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE--BUT
ALSO UPON THE AVERAGE
AMERICAN WHO DEPENDS UPON
AND EXPECTS A SAFE, DIVERSE,
AND AFFORDABLE FOOD
SUPPLY.

*THERE IS, HOWEVER, SOME
RESPONSIBLE LEGISLATION IN
THE HOUSE--LEGISLATION
INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMEN

BRUCE AND BLILEY-- THAT DOES
MAKE ROOM FOR SCIENCE, AND
ALLOWS FOR THE
CONSIDERATION OF PESTICIDE
BENEFITS.

*IT WILL BE A TOUGH BATTLE,
HOWEVER, IN THE HOUSE AND
SENATE, AND THE SUPPORT AND
COOPERATION OF ALL OF YOU
INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE

FOOD PRODUCTION WILL BE
VITAL TO ENSURE THAT
COMMON SENSE PREVAILS.

*I KNOW ANOTHER ISSUE OF CONCERN TO YOU IS FOOD LABELING.

*THE COMMENT PERIOD JUST
CLOSED ON MANDATORY
LABELLING REGULATIONS

PROPOSED BY USDA AND THE FDA.

*FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, **NEARLY EVERYONE IN AMERICA** HAD AN OPINION. ON THE FINAL DAY FOR COMMENT ALONE, **OVER 8,000 SUBMISSIONS** ARRIVED AT THE F.D.A. *I WOULD URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE

F.D.A. AND U.S.D.A. TO MAKE
SURE THEY'RE FULLY INFORMED
ABOUT THE DIFFICULTIES YOUR
INDUSTRY FACES IN
CONFORMING TO THE
EFFECTIVE DATE.

*AND IN THE SPIRIT OF ST.

PATRICK'S DAY, I DO WANT TO

LEAVE YOU WITH A AN OLD

IRISH TOAST THAT WAS A

FAVORITE OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S.

*"MAY THOSE WHO LOVE US, LOVE US. AND THOSE THAT DON'T LOVE US, MAY THE LORD TURN THEIR HEARTS. AND IF THE LORD DOESN'T TURN THEIR HEARTS, MAY HE TURN THEIR ANKLES SO THAT WE'LL RECOGNIZE THEM BY THEIR LIMPING."

*THANK YOU, AND I'D BE HAPPY TO TAKE A FEW QUESTIONS.

TO: Senator Dole

FR: Kerry

*Attached are remarks for Frozen Food Institute. About 75 representatives of AFFI members will be present. They are hoping for 5-10 minutes of remarks, and then questions and answers, if your time allows.

*I spoke with their Vice President for Government Relations, and confirmed that their two top issues are food safety measures and food labeling.

*Congressman Waxman is pushing the most liberal food safety measure in the House. Business groups, including the AFFI are supporting an alternative proposed by Congressmen Bruce and Bliley.