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Sept 22

January 20, 1995

The Honorable Robert Dole  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

With the recent changes in Washington, D.C., Concerned Women for America would like to thank you for your leadership. Our national convention will be held in Washington, D.C., September 21 through 24, 1995. This year marks the sixteen year anniversary of CWA's founding and it promises to be spectacular! Approximately 1,500 of our members from across the nation will gather for this special time of education and motivation.

This year we are expecting to hear from a few of the potential presidential candidates. We would be deeply honored if you would agree to address our members at a general session during the convention.

Concerned Women for America, with over 600,000 members, is the largest pro-family women's organization in the nation. Our grassroots leaders are dedicated to having a positive impact on this country, and I believe your insights would be invaluable to them.

Production for the April edition of our *Family Voice* magazine will begin in late January, and we would love to include your picture in the convention promotion if you are able to attend. Our Special Events Coordinator, Barbara Franceski, will follow up with a phone call in a couple of weeks regarding your availability. We look forward to your reply.

Warmly,

Beverly LaHate  
President

Sept. 22 - 10:15 - 10:45  
Sept 23 8:30 - 9:00

Excellent group - Christian coalition  
Special

9/23 - faxed memo

1-26 letter in letter

**GOOD MORNING. THE FIRST THING  
I WANT TO DO THIS MORNING IS TO  
PASS ALONG GREETINGS FROM ONE  
OF YOUR ORGANIZATION'S BIGGEST  
FANS--AND THAT'S MY WIFE,  
ELIZABETH.**

**ELIZABETH HAD HOPED TO JOIN ME  
THIS MORNING, BUT SHE'S IN ST.  
LOUIS ON RED CROSS BUSINESS.  
PERHAPS IT'S BETTER OFF THAT SHE'S**

**NOT HERE, ANYWAY. WHENEVER SHE  
SEES A CROWD THIS BIG, SHE WANTS  
TO HOLD A BLOOD DRIVE.**

**I COULDN'T HELP BUT THINK ON  
THE WAY OVER THIS MORNING THAT  
ONE OF THE THINGS WRONG WITH  
THIS WHITE HOUSE IS THAT THEY  
THINK THAT THE UNITED NATIONS  
CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IS MORE  
IMPORTANT THAT THIS CONFERENCE  
OF THE LARGEST PRO-FAMILY  
WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION IN AMERICA.**

**I KNOW YOU ARE HEARING A LOT  
OF SPEECHES THIS WEEK, SO I WILL  
TRY AND KEEP MY REMARKS BRIEF.**

**SPEAKING OF THAT, FOR SOME  
REASON, I'VE BEEN DOING A LITTLE  
READING ABOUT THE INAUGURAL  
ADDRESSES OF PRESIDENTS.**

**AND I DISCOVERED AN  
INTERESTING COMPARISON BETWEEN  
GEORGE WASHINGTON AND WILLIAM  
HENRY HARRISON.**

WASHINGTON GAVE AN  
INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF FEWER THAN  
200 WORDS, AND HE WENT ON TO  
BECOME A GREAT PRESIDENT.

AND IN 1841, HARRISON DELIVERED  
A TWO HOUR INAUGURAL ADDRESS IN  
A RAINSTORM, CAUGHT PNEUMONIA,  
AND DIED WITHIN A MONTH. AND MY  
COLLEAGUE STROM THURMOND  
SWEARS TO THIS DAY THAT HE  
ADVISED HARRISON TO KEEP HIS  
REMARKS SHORT.

**I'LL KEEP THAT LESSON IN MIND,  
BUT I DO WANT TO SHARE A FEW  
THOUGHTS WITH THE MEMBERS OF  
THIS OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION.**

**AS YOU KNOW, THE CONCERNED  
WOMEN FOR AMERICA IS THE LARGEST  
PRO-FAMILY WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION  
IN THE NATION. AND A GREAT DEAL  
OF CREDIT FOR THIS FACT GOES TO  
ONE WOMEN. I COULD SAY IT NO  
BETTER THAN RONALD REAGAN SAID**

**IT AT THIS CONVENTION EIGHT YEARS  
AGO.**

**QUOTE: "BEVERLY LAHAYE IS ONE  
OF THE POWERHOUSES ON THE  
POLITICAL SCENE TODAY, AND ONE OF  
THE REASONS THAT THE GRASSROOTS  
ARE MORE AND MORE A  
CONSERVATIVE PROVINCE. BECAUSE  
OF HER, THE GREAT MAJORITY OF  
WOMEN ONCE AGAIN HAVE A VOICE IN  
THE ISSUES OF THE DAY."**

**END OF QUOTE.**

**AS USUAL, RONALD REAGAN WAS  
RIGHT. AND I WANT TO THANK  
BEVERLY AND ALL OF YOU FOR  
EVERYTHING YOU ARE DOING TO  
CHANGE THE FACE OF AMERICAN  
POLITICS.**

**WITH YOUR GRASS ROOTS  
SUPPORT, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT  
AMERICA DID LAST NOVEMBER. AND  
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THIS  
HISTORIC REPUBLICAN CONGRESS IS  
DOING.**



**YOU PICKED A VERY HISTORIC  
WEEK TO BE IN WASHINGTON. AS  
YOU KNOW, ON TUESDAY, THE  
SENATE PASSED LEGISLATION THAT  
DIDN'T JUST FIX OUR FAILED WELFARE  
SYSTEM--WE REVOLUTIONIZED IT.**

**UNDER OUR LEGISLATION, WELFARE  
WILL NO LONGER BE A WAY OF LIFE,  
AND PEOPLE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE  
TO RECEIVE ENDLESS FEDERAL CASH  
BENEFITS JUST BECAUSE THEY  
CHOOSE NOT TO WORK.**

**OUR BILL DOES SOMETHING THAT I  
DON'T THINK WAS EVER TRIED IN THE  
40 YEARS THE DEMOCRATS  
CONTROLLED CAPITOL HILL--WE  
ACTUALLY TRANSFERRED POWER OUT  
OF WASHINGTON AND AWAY FROM  
FEDERAL BUREAUCRATS, AND WE  
GAVE IT BACK TO OUR STATES. OUR  
STATES WILL NOW HAVE THE  
FLEXIBILITY AND FREEDOM THEY NEED  
TO START REDUCING THE ALARMING  
ILLEGITIMACY RATE. AND WE WILL**

**REQUIRE TEEN MOTHERS WHO HAVE  
CHILDREN OUT OF WEDLOCK TO STAY  
IN SCHOOL AND LIVE UNDER ADULT  
SUPERVISION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE  
BENEFITS.**

**AND WITH YOUR CONTINUED  
SUPPORT, WELFARE REFORM WILL  
JUST BE THE FIRST OF MANY  
VICTORIES THAT THIS HISTORIC  
CONGRESS WILL WIN FOR AMERICANS  
THIS FALL.**

**WE WILL SET AMERICA ON A PATH  
TO A BALANCED BUDGET.**

**WE WILL CUT TAXES, SO THAT  
AMERICA'S FAMILIES CAN KEEP MORE  
OF THEIR HARD EARNED DOLLARS.**

**AND WE WILL PRESERVE, PROTECT,  
AND STRENGTHEN MEDICARE. AS YOU  
KNOW, ACCORDING TO THE MEDICARE  
TRUSTEES--THREE OF THEM MEMBERS  
OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET--  
MEDICARE WILL GO BANKRUPT IN  
SEVEN YEARS.**

**WHILE REPUBLICANS HAVE BEEN  
WORKING TO ENSURE THAT DOES NOT  
HAPPEN, PRESIDENT CLINTON HAS  
ADOPTED A "MEDI-SCARE"  
POLICY...FLYING AROUND THE  
COUNTRY TRYING TO SCARE SENIORS  
INTO BELIEVING THAT REPUBLICANS  
WILL TAKE THEIR MEDICARE AWAY.**

**THE FACT IS THAT THERE WON'T BE  
ANY MEDICARE IN SEVEN YEARS  
UNLESS WE ACT, AND ACT SOON.  
AND WHEN I LEAVE YOU THIS**

**MORNING, I WILL BE JOINING OTHER  
SENATE REPUBLICANS IN ANNOUNCING  
OUR PLAN TO PRESERVE, PROTECT,  
AND STRENGTHEN MEDICARE.**

**THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT AFTER 40  
YEARS, AMERICA FINALLY HAS A  
CONGRESS THAT IS COMMITTED TO  
THE CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES OF  
SMALLER GOVERNMENT, LESS TAXES,  
AND LESS SPENDING.**

**AND AFTER 40 YEARS, WE FINALLY  
HAVE A CONGRESS THAT**

**UNDERSTANDS THAT THE FAMILY--  
AND NOT THE GOVERNMENT--IS THE  
DRIVING FORCE OF OUR SOCIETY.**

**BUT WE CAN'T STOP HERE.**

**IF WE ARE TRULY TO GET AMERICA  
TURNED AROUND AND MOVE IT IN THE  
RIGHT DIRECTION, THEN WE NEED A  
PRESIDENT WHO SHARES THESE  
CONSERVATIVE VALUES AND  
PRINCIPLES.**

**WE NEED A PRESIDENT WHO WILL  
REIN IN GOVERNMENT.**

**WE NEED A PRESIDENT WHO WILL  
RECONNECT OUR GOVERNMENT WITH  
THE CONSERVATIVE VALUES THAT  
BUILT AMERICA.**

**WE NEED A PRESIDENT WHO  
UNDERSTANDS THE RESPONSIBILITIES  
THAT COME WITH BEING THE LEADER  
OF THE FREE WORLD.**

**AND COME TO THINK OF IT, I THINK  
I KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS RIGHT FOR  
THE JOB.**



**MY FRIENDS, I AM RUNNING FOR  
PRESIDENT FOR MANY REASONS, BUT  
ABOVE ALL, I AM RUNNING BECAUSE  
AMERICA NEEDS A PRESIDENT WHO  
WILL STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT.  
AND ONE THING THAT IS RIGHT IS  
THE VALUES BY WHICH CHILDREN  
WERE ONCE RAISED IN THIS COUNTRY.  
YOU KNOW THE VALUES I'M TALKING  
ABOUT. LOVE OF GOD, LOVE OF  
COUNTRY, LOVE OF FAMILY.**

**HONESTY, DECENCY, AND PERSONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY.**

**THESE ARE THE VALUES THAT  
HAVE GUIDED AMERICA THROUGHOUT  
OUR HISTORY. THEY ARE THE VALUES  
THAT HAVE MADE US THE GREATEST  
COUNTRY ON EARTH. THEY ARE THE  
VALUES THAT CONCERNED WOMEN  
FOR AMERICA HAVE ADVOCATED  
THROUGHOUT YOUR HISTORY. AND  
THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE SECRET  
TO GETTING OUR COUNTRY BACK ON**

**TRACK IS SIMPLY TO RETURN TO THEM  
AS A MATTER OF NATIONAL POLICY.**

**AS YOU MAY KNOW, A FEW  
MONTHS BACK I GAVE A LITTLE  
SPEECH IN HOLLYWOOD. IN THAT  
SPEECH, I SIMPLY SUGGESTED THAT  
THOSE IN CHARGE OF OUR  
ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY HAVE A  
DUTY TO BALANCE COMMON  
DECENCY AND THE INTERESTS OF OUR  
CHILDREN WITH THEIR DESIRE TO  
MAKE A PROFIT.**

**NOW, SOME PEOPLE DIDN'T LIKE  
THAT SPEECH. I DON'T KNOW HOW  
MANY OF YOU WATCHED THE "MTV"  
AWARD SHOW A FEW WEEKS AGO. I  
DIDN'T. BUT I WAS TOLD THAT  
MADONNA TOOK THE TIME TO  
EXPRESS HER DISPLEASURE WITH ME.  
AND I KNOW THAT A RAP GROUP HAS  
RELEASED A VIDEO IN WHICH THEY  
DESTROY A DOLE FOR PRESIDENT  
CAMPAIGN POSTER.**

**NOW, ATTACKING ME AND  
BURNING MY SIGNS IS FINE. WHAT  
ISN'T FINE, HOWEVER, ARE THE  
MOVIES THAT ATTACK OUR  
CHILDREN'S INNOCENCE, AND THE RAP  
SONGS THAT ADVOCATE DESTROYING  
WOMEN.**

**AFTER THAT SPEECH, I ALSO  
RECEIVED A LOT OF LETTERS FROM  
AMERICANS WHO DON'T LIVE IN  
HOLLYWOOD. AND THEY MADE IT  
ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT AMERICANS**

**ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LOSS OF  
ANY SENSE OF SHAME OR STANDARD  
OF DECENCY IN OUR POPULAR  
ENTERTAINMENT.**

**OUR GOAL IS NOT TO IMPOSE OUR  
MORALITY ON ANYONE ELSE. IT'S TO  
STOP THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY  
FROM IMPOSING A DEBASED  
MORALITY ON THE REST OF US.**

**BUT IT'S NOT JUST THE  
ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY THAT'S  
THE PROBLEM. IT'S ALSO OUR**

**GOVERNMENT, OUR COURTS, AND OUR  
SCHOOLS. LET ME GIVE YOU SOME  
EXAMPLES.**

**ACCORDING TO RECENT STUDIES,  
DRUG USE AMONG KIDS IS UP--WAY  
UP. BUT THIS ADMINISTRATION HAS  
SCALED BACK ENFORCEMENT AND  
PREVENTION. WHEN OUR PRESIDENT  
WARNS ABOUT SMOKING, HE'S  
TALKING ABOUT CIGARETTES.  
SMOKING WILL KILL YOU, AND KIDS  
SHOULDN'T DO IT. BUT WHAT'S THE**

**MESSAGE OF AN ADMINISTRATION IN  
WHICH THE PRESIDENT THINKS WE  
OUGHT TO REGULATE TOBACCO, BUT  
HIS SURGEON GENERAL THOUGHT WE  
OUGHT TO LEGALIZE DRUGS?**

**CRIME IS MORE RANDOM AND  
MORE VIOLENT, BUT OUR SYSTEM OF  
JUSTICE DOESN'T SEEM TO KEEP  
ANYONE IN JAIL. WE SHOULD PUT AN  
END TO PAROLE FOR VIOLENT  
OFFENDERS. PUT LIMITS ON THE  
ENDLESS APPEAL PROCESS. AND**



**TEENAGERS WHO COMMIT SERIOUS,  
VIOLENT CRIME SHOULD BE REMOVED  
FROM THE JUVENILE COURTS AND  
TRIED AS ADULTS.**

**GOVERNMENT POLICIES INTENDED  
TO BRING US TOGETHER ARE INSTEAD  
TEARING US APART. THE FAILED  
SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT  
PREFERENCES AND SET-ASIDES  
KNOWN AS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION  
MUST END. WE SHOULD STOP  
DIVIDING AMERICANS BY RACE AND**

**GET BACK TO THE SIMPLE PRINCIPLE  
OF EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL.**

**BUT PERHAPS NOWHERE IS THE  
FAILURE OF LIBERAL GOVERNMENT  
POLICY MORE EVIDENT THAN IN THE  
CLASSROOM. OUR SCHOOLS ARE  
TEACHING RECYCLING AND AIDS  
PREVENTION, BUT OUR KIDS CAN'T  
ADD, AND THEY CERTAINLY AREN'T  
ALLOWED TO PRAY.**

**OUR SCHOOLS SHOULD REFLECT  
THE VALUES OF AMERICA AND TEACH**

**AGAIN THE VALUE OF THE AMERICAN  
DREAM. WE MUST GUARANTEE THE  
RIGHT OF EVERY AMERICAN TO ENJOY  
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND FREEDOM OF  
CONSCIENCE. AND WE MUST  
GUARANTEE THE RIGHT OF OUR  
CHILDREN TO VOLUNTARILY PRAY IN  
SCHOOL. AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, WE  
NEED TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT TO  
ENSURE THAT PARENTS CAN SEND  
THEIR CHILD TO THE SCHOOL OF THEIR  
CHOICE.**

**AND WHILE I'M ON THE SUBJECT OF  
WHAT'S TAUGHT IN OUR SCHOOLS,  
LET ME ADDRESS A STAND FOR WHICH  
I'VE RECEIVED SOME CRITICISM  
LATELY--BUT FROM WHICH I WILL NOT  
RETREAT.**

**WITH ALL THE DIVISIVE FORCES  
TEARING AT OUR COUNTRY TODAY,  
WE NEED THE GLUE OF LANGUAGE TO  
HELP HOLD US TOGETHER. IF WE  
WANT TO ENSURE THAT ALL OUR  
CHILDREN HAVE THE SAME**

**OPPORTUNITIES, WE NEED TO INSIST  
THAT ALL CHILDREN BE TAUGHT  
ENGLISH IN OUR SCHOOLS, AND  
ENGLISH SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED  
ONCE AND FOR ALL AS THE OFFICIAL  
LANGUAGE OF THE UNITED STATES.**

**AND WE CAN TALK ALL DAY LONG  
ABOUT CHILDREN'S ISSUES, AS  
LIBERALS DO TODAY. BUT IS JUST  
THAT--TALK--IF WE DO NOT HAVE  
ENOUGH LOVE IN OUR HEARTS FOR  
THE MOST INNOCENT AMONG US. ALL**

**OUR TALK OF A LESS VIOLENT, MORE  
CARING SOCIETY WILL COME TO  
NOTHING UNLESS WE PROTECT THE  
SANCTITY OF ALL HUMAN LIFE.**

**I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT THERE  
ARE FEW IN THE UNITES STATES  
SENATE THAT HAVE AS LONG AND  
CONSISTENT PRO-LIFE VOTING RECORD  
THAN THIS SENATOR. I'M PROUD TO  
HAVE SUPPORTED THE REPUBLICAN  
PRO-LIFE PLATFORM IN 1980...IN**

**1984...IN 1988...IN 1992...AND I WILL  
DO SO IN 1996.**

**LET ME CLOSE BY SAYING THAT  
YES, AMERICA HAS PROBLEMS.  
TOUGH PROBLEMS. BUT I HAVE NO  
DOUBT THAT WE CAN SOLVE THEM.**

**I HAVE SEEN AMERICANS  
PERSEVERE THROUGH THE  
DUSTSTORMS OF THE '30S AND THE  
POVERTY OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION.  
I HAVE WITNESSED THE COURAGE OF  
AMERICANS IN WAR, AND THE**

**STAGGERING SPLENDOR OF OUR  
PRODUCTIVITY IN PEACE.**

**I HAVE WATCHED AS THIS  
COUNTRY HAS BEEN TESTED AND  
TESTED AND TESTED AGAIN. AND  
YOU CAN'T COME THROUGH ALL OF  
THAT WITHOUT BECOMING AN  
OPTIMIST ABOUT AMERICA.**

**I'VE SEEN OUR COUNTRY  
OVERCOME TOO MUCH ADVERSITY  
NOT TO BELIEVE THAT OUR BEST DAYS  
ARE YET TO COME.**



**TOGETHER, WE CAN RENEW THE**  
**FOUNDATIONS OF OUR SOCIETY. AND**  
**IF WE PUT OUR FAITH IN GOD AND**  
**OUR TRUST IN FREEDOM, IT WILL ONCE**  
**AGAIN BE WITHIN OUR POWER TO**  
**BUILD AN AMERICA AS BIG AS OUR**  
**DREAMS...AS STRONG AS OUR**  
**HEARTS...AND AS GREAT AS OUR**  
**HISTORY DEMANDS.**

**THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY**  
**TO SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY, AND**  
**MAY YOUR NEXT SIXTEEN YEARS BE**

**EVERY BIT AS SUCCESSFUL AS YOUR  
LAST SIXTEEN.**