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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1992

Dear Bob:

I understand that the Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment may be offered in the near future as an amendment to another piece of legislation. I wholeheartedly support this effort.

Although the House of Representatives overwhelmingly supported a resolution requiring a constitutionally mandated balanced Federal budget, it fell nine votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority. I strongly believe we must continue to press for the passage of a Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment.

Americans overwhelmingly support a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget, and for good reason. The debt we accumulate today jeopardizes sustained economic growth and will burden our descendants for generations to come. A balanced budget amendment would help to provide the necessary discipline to our Government -- both the legislative and executive branches -- to make difficult budget decisions.

The House vote was only one round in the fight to pass a Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment. It is not the end of our fight. I will continue to take the case to the American people. When their voices are heard, then I fully expect Congress to pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

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