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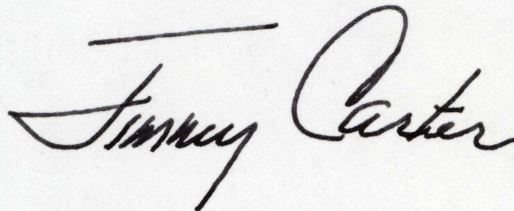
December 2, 1980

Dear Senator Dole:

I understand that tomorrow the Senate is scheduled to vote on a cloture petition to end debate on the Fair Housing bill, H.R. 5200. This bill, as written, would extend the protections of the 1968 Fair Housing Act to the handicapped and expedite the enforcement procedures contained in the law.

I urge you to vote for cloture and to support H.R. 5200 without amendment. It is extremely important that this bill be passed during the 96th Congress. I am concerned that amendments could kill this vital legislation, because the days remaining in this Session are too few to allow sufficient time for subsequent action by the House or a possible conference. H.R. 5200 received bipartisan support in the House and I believe a careful review of the bill will show it deserves bipartisan support in the Senate as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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