

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 23, 1976

Dear Bob:

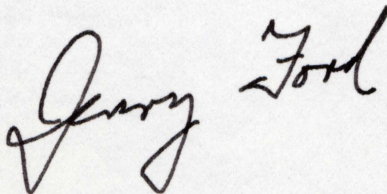
Thank you very much for your vote to sustain my veto of S. 3201, the Public Works Employment Act of 1976.

I know you share my keen desire to expand job opportunities for all Americans and to reduce the unemployment rate. However, this legislation would not achieve that goal without excessive cost and new inflationary pressures. Furthermore, with three and a half million more Americans working today than were employed in March of last year, I remain convinced that the best way to solve unemployment is through the private sector.

I realize it was a difficult vote, but you certainly displayed sound fiscal judgment and a determination to avoid unnecessary increases in the national debt. You and the American people are not willing to expand the government's role in the economy to the extent required by S. 3201, especially when the bill would be only a temporary palliative at best.

Your support for sound government policies and responsible spending levels is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jerry Ford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Jerry" is written with a large, looped "J" and a trailing "y". The last name "Ford" is written with a large, looped "F" and a trailing "d".

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