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Dear Bob:

Your thoughtful letter regarding the recent demonstrations in Washington was very much appreciated.

I am pleased to join you in praising Police Chief Jerry Wilson and his officers, who did such an effective job of controlling the demonstrators in a calm and responsible way. I believe that all our citizens should fully enjoy the freedoms of expression guaranteed them by the First Amendment. But those freedoms do not include the freedom to trample on the rights of others. As you indicated, we were faced with a situation in this instance where the general public was being inconvenienced and even endangered, and I too am pleased that the disruptive efforts were handled in such an orderly manner.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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