THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 27, 1984

Dear Bob:

As the Senate prepares to vote on the Conference Report on H.R. 4170, the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, let me reiterate my support for this major element of the deficit reduction package.

This measure, which was fashioned in a bipartisan manner, contains both spending reductions and measures to close tax loopholes of questionable fairness. The tax provisions are consistent with the downpayment plan target, and many of the key provisions providing for structural reform and curtailing tax abuses were included in my Fiscal 1985 Budget.

Most importantly, the tax provisions of the downpayment package contain no increase in individual tax rates.

The adoption of this Conference Report, coupled with the remaining components of our downpayment package, will help ensure that the economic recovery now underway is sustained in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Robert Dole Chairman Committee on Finance United States Senate Washington, D.C.