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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ARRIVAL STATEMENT  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1992  
NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Fellow New Hampshiremen. Fellow Americans. \_\_\_, thank you for that introduction. / ((I also want to thank Arnold for picking me up at the airport. He didn't put me down until we got right here.)) //

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A man named Horace Greeley was born not far from here in Amherst. Once he said, "Go west and grow up in the country." // Today, I come north again to return to home country. //

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Some candidates have spent the past weeks trying to get to know you. I have spent it revisiting old friends, and renewing deep ties. // For six decades, I have been your neighbor -- playing baseball here as a kid / speaking at your Rotary Clubs / attending the local school board. / Our dreams spring from a common source: Family, home, school, church, community, country. //

Three days from now, you can vote to help New Hampshire realize the American Dream. So I mean to talk to you from my heart about the Tuesday Primary: To New Hampshire -- part *056500* ~~pageant / part covenant~~ / *it is a* above all, sacred trust. //

New Hampshire's Robert Frost wrote a poem titled, "The Road Not Taken." / Tuesday you will help decide what road America takes over the next five years. //

You will decide what kind of leadership you want, and kind of Nation we are. You will decide which candidate has the experience / toughness / the decency and integrity / to do well for yourselves -- and right by your kids. //

No State knows better than New Hampshire about the sacrament called the ballot box. / Some States send protests. New Hampshire chooses Presidents. // Some States view voting as a right. For decades you have also seen it as a responsibility / as indeed we should / for indeed it is. //

I cast my first vote in 1948. I remember it like yesterday -- a true coming of age. / I say that not because of how I voted -- but because what my vote meant. For I believe this. I say it without apology. I believe America is divinely blessed -- that leadership is not only our duty -- but our destiny. //

*unnecessary rhetoric*

Three days ago, I went to Concord -- addressed the State Legislature -- talked to citizen legislators who are also fathers / mothers / daughters / sons. / There, I thought of why leadership -- and this Election -- matters. It will shape the future of America -- and America's future in the world. //

I come to New Hampshire with a record I am proud of. // In the former Soviet Union, communism is a four-letter word: D-e-a-d. In Eastern Europe, the walls have come tumbling down. Look at Panama / Kuwait / Saudi Arabia / the Middle East. The Cold War is over -- and America won. //

Yet a record is not something to stand upon -- but something to build upon. // Having changed the world -- we must now change

America. // I understand the world. That's crucial. But that's not enough. / I understand America. / I know that our workers are the most productive in the world -- bar none. / I also know that to succeed economically at home, we need to lead economically abroad. If you want to lead in the world, you've got to know the neighborhood. //

That means that we open markets for American products, and create jobs for American workers. Only then can we build a country where the price of family groceries doesn't wreck the family budget / where tax credits and low interest rates let you buy that first home // and where when you go to sell, the economy helps mortgage your home -- nor mortgage tomorrow. //

For, you see, politics -- like government -- it's not remote, impersonal -- not a magic wand from Washington -- not an ideological charade. / Politics affects every citizen. It's as real as a family struggling to pay off their credit card balance. It's as personal as any child's dreams -- precious and alive. // Think of your kids -- hold them -- take their hand. They are what this Election is all about. //

That is why when New Hampshire put out an S.O.S., our Administration said: We will act A.S.A.P. The plan I announced in my State of the Union recognizes that government is too big, and spends too much. It will cut wasteful spending / create jobs / and restore home values. / Our plan is now before the Congress. March 20 is the deadline. I don't know how long it will take Congress to see the light -- but I promise they'll feel the heat.

Today, I call on Congress to do the people's business by passing the people's program. That means our Education bill -- two years on the Hill. Let's let parents -- not government -- decide where their kids go to school. / I ask Congress to pass our Crime Bill -- three years stalled -- which gives us a Federal death penalty that works. Let's show more sympathy for crime's victims and less for rapists, murderers, hooligans, and thugs. // I want Congress to reform health care to make it accessible, and affordable. // Finally, let's pass our economic proposals which are sound, and will work without big government spending. //

*cut* ((If you think Arnold is pumped up today, just wait until you see the U.S. economy once our program takes effect.)) //

You've heard the protectionists. They want to build a wall around America. Theirs is an America running scared. // New Hampshire knows better. You know that economic growth comes from convincing other nations to tear their walls down. / Pass my proposals / let the American worker outcompete and outproduce any Nation / and we'll have an America standing tall. // To those who clamor "America First," I say: America is the undisputed leader of the free world -- and as long as I am President, always will be. / You don't put America first by putting our duty last.

For two centuries, Americans have done their duty. This year, we can do it again. // I think God created America for a reason -- to act nobly, and thus do good. / I believe He put us here for similar ends: To help one another -- to love one another -- to lend a hand, and bind a wound -- to win the war of

plenty over want / tolerance over bigotry / health over disease.

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*over* { In 1861, leaving Illinois to assume the Presidency, Abraham Lincoln spoke of the people who could help win that war -- his friends, as you are my friends. / He told his home people: "To you I owe all that I have, all that I am." That's how I've felt about New Hampshire -- both as a boy, and as a man. //

We've been through a lot together -- both the good times, and bad. Let's make our times ahead the greatest in American history. // Thank you for this occasion / thank you for your support / and may God bless this wondrous land -- the United States of America.

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SPEECHES AND WRITINGS  
1859-1865

*Speeches, Letters, and Miscellaneous Writings  
Presidential Messages and Proclamations*

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1861, Illinois

"To you I owe  
all that I have,  
all that I am."

— Lincoln



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the fact that the institution is amongst us, I care but little, so that what is done be comely, and not altogether outrageous. Nor do I care much about New-Mexico, if further extension were hedged against. Yours very truly

### *To Thurlow Weed*

*Private*

Thurlow Weed, Esq                      Springfield, Ills. Feb. 4, 1861

My dear Sir. I have both your letter to myself, and that to Judge Davis, in relation to a certain gentleman in your state claiming to dispense patronage in my name, and also to be authorized to use my name to advance the chances of Mr. Greely for an election to the U.S. Senate. It is very strange that such things should be said by any one. The gentleman you mention, did speak to me of Mr. Greely, in connection with the Senatorial election, and I replied in terms of kindness towards Mr. Greely which I really feel, but always with an express protest that my name *must* not be used in the Senatorial election, in favor of, or against any one. Any other representation of me, is a misrepresentation.

As to the matter of dispensing patronage, it perhaps will surprise you to learn, that I have information that *you* claim to have my authority to arrange that matter in N.Y. I do not believe you have so claimed; but still so some men say. On that subject you know all I have said to you is "justice to all," and I beg you to believe I have said nothing more particular to any one. I say this to re-assure you that I have not changed my purpose; in the hope however, that you will not use my name in the matter. Yours truly

### *Farewell Address at Springfield, Illinois*

My friends—No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe every thing. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington. Without the assistance of that Divine Being, who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance I cannot fail. Trusting in Him, who can go with me, and remain with you and be every where for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell

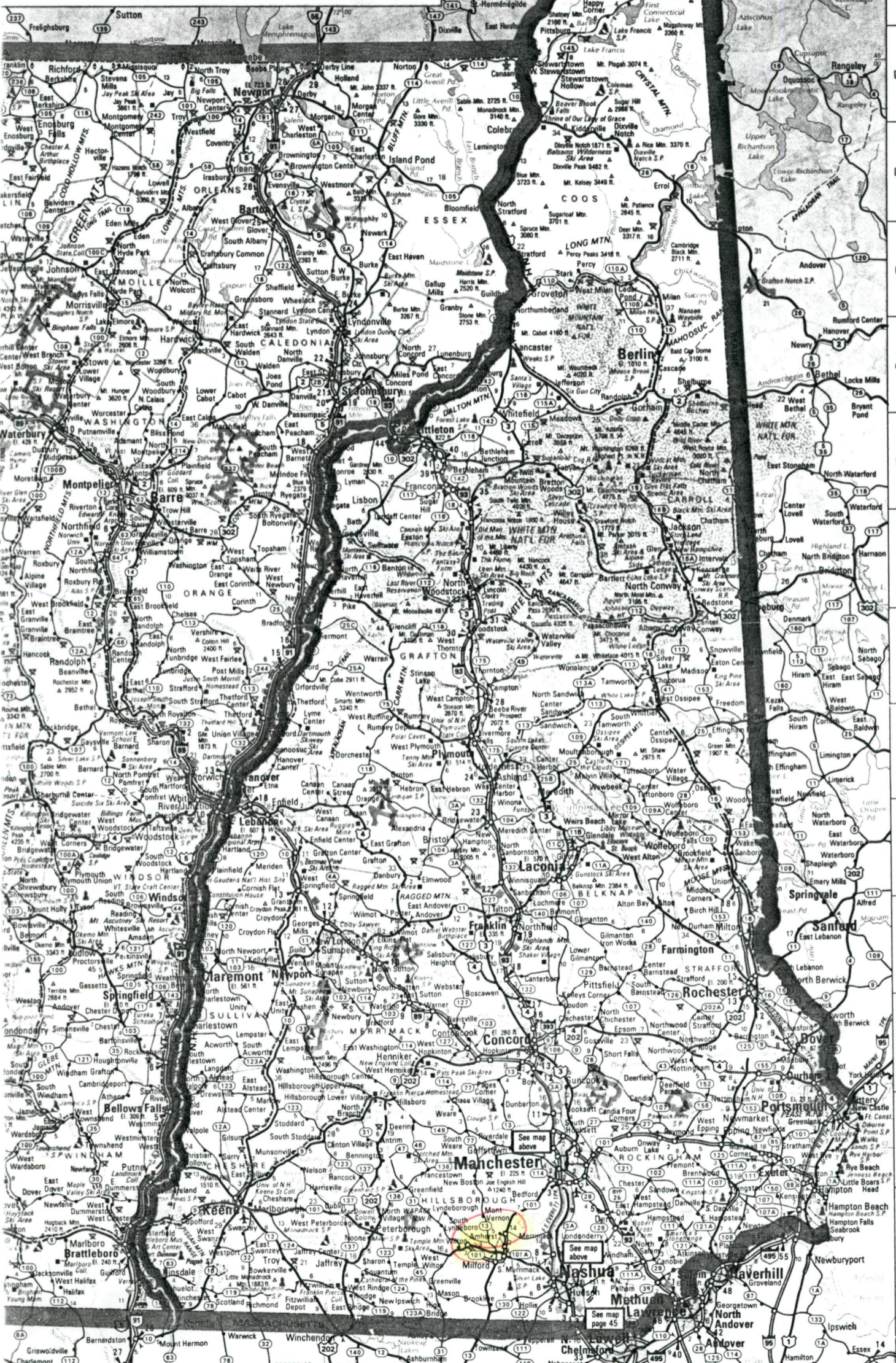
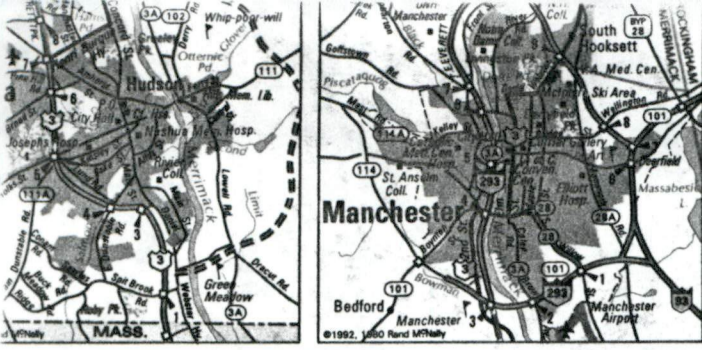
*February 11, 1861*

### *Reply to Oliver P. Morton at Indianapolis, Indiana*

*Gov. Morton and Fellow Citizens of the State of Indiana:*

Most heartily do I thank you for this magnificent reception, and while I cannot take to myself any share of the compliment thus paid, more than that which pertains to a mere instrument, an accidental instrument, perhaps I should say, of a great cause, I yet must look upon it as a most magnificent reception, and as such, most heartily do I thank you for it.

You have been pleased to address yourselves to me chiefly in behalf of this glorious Union in which we live, in all of which you have my hearty sympathy, and, as far as may be within my power, will have, one and inseparably, my hearty consideration. While I do not expect, upon this occasion, or on any occasion, till after I get to Washington, to attempt any lengthy speech, I will only say that to the salvation of this Union there needs but one single thing—the hearts of a people like yours. [Applause.] When the people rise in masses in behalf of the Union and the liberties of their country, truly



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REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT  
AT DOOR-TO-DOOR KICKOFF RALLY

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Nashua, New Hampshire

10:10 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you so much. And first, let me thank our great campaign manager, our leader up here -- our Chairman Judd Gregg, the Governor of this state. What a job he's done. (Applause.) And from the neighboring state, Governor Bill Weld, doing a superb job for principles we believe in. (Applause.) And also, Paul Cellucci, my longtime friend who is a great Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, here with us today. (Applause.) Speaking of governors, I'm proud to be with the former Governor of this state, John Sununu. (Applause.) And there's another former governor who has helped me so much, Hugh Gregg, who is around here someplace. (Applause.)

And also, may I thank Senator Warren Rudman, the great Senator from New Hampshire -- (applause) -- Congressman Bill Zeliff with us today; the distinguished members of Congress, my friends from Washington and other states that are with us -- three of them here today; and then John Stabile, our Finance Chairman. We've got a first-class team. And I'm glad to see all of you as a part of it. Thank you. (Applause.)

Let me be very clear as to why I'm here. I want to lead this country for another four years. And I ask for your support. (Applause.)

AUDIENCE: Four more years, four more years, four more years --

THE PRESIDENT: Having watched this sometimes close in and sometimes from afar, I really honestly believe that the people of New Hampshire are a little bit tired of all the negative advertisements and all the attack-dog tactics coming from the left and coming from the right. What they want to do is see progress for the state of New Hampshire, not listen to a lot of political carping. (Applause.)

I will continue with a positive campaign. I will continue to lead this country. And first on the economy. I have sent a comprehensive plan to the United States Congress. And it was so heavy, I asked Barbara if she would carry it -- here it is. Here it is. (Applause.) Everybody read it and we're going to have a quiz afterward here. (Laughter.)

But yesterday -- the reason I held that up is this: Yesterday I'm told New Hampshire voters were subjected to flat, outright lies about this plan. This plan includes many things, including deductions for student loans and -- (applause) -- perhaps most important, a tax relief provision for families with children. It's there. It's in this bill. (Applause.) And I want the Congress to move on this just as soon as possible. And it must be done in

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this session of Congress. Keep the pressure on the Congress.  
(Applause.)

And in addition, in addition, I've broken out seven of my proposals that would have the greatest immediate effect on stimulating this economy. And these should be the least controversial provisions. I've asked Congress to put politics aside now, take a look at each one of them, and to move now. Interest rates are low. Inflation is low. The gloom and doom candidates are wrong. The way to help the people in this state who desperately need help is to get Congress to set aside politics long enough to pass the seven incentives in this bill. And they ought to do it. (Applause.)

The key provisions -- you know this state -- the key provision, a \$5,000 tax credit to help people buy their first home. And for New Hampshire this year, 1,000 new housing starts and 2,000 construction jobs if Congress will only get going and pass this bill. (Applause.)

And in these incentives there's also an investment tax allowance -- stimulate the purchase of capital equipment; capital gains cut so that businesses can invest and hire more people. (Applause.) That's money to buy equipment to upgrade the plants, to create new jobs now. And this plan can help New Hampshire homebuyers and homebuilders literally as early as this spring. And it can help business buy new equipment and hire more people as early as this spring.

Now, I've sent forward this solid action plan. But it can only help the people of New Hampshire now if the Congress moves now. And, you know, the New Hampshire legislature is in session, I'm told, 45 days a year. Now, I gave Congress a deadline to March 20th -- that's 52 days to pass this little -- 52 days to pass this straightforward, common-sense, compact program. It is an action plan -- nothing fancy. And I say give them that -- give the people of this state this legislation, and you watch this economy move forward. And you watch the pain and suffering be relieved. (Applause.)

But Warren Rudman knows this and Bill Zeliff, our great Congressman, knows this. Wednesday, the Ways and Means Committee Democrats -- every one of them -- voted against this plan twice. Thursday in a closed meeting, they surfaced a scheme that -- you guessed it -- raises taxes and kills this plan for first-time homebuyers. And this campaign, you hear a lot about sending messages. Well, my request to the people of this state is send the Congress a message: pass this plan by March 20th. It can be done and it must be done. (Applause.)

Lastly, you've probably heard around this state, from the left, from other places as well, the call for economic isolation. Some would build a protective wall around this country. And that's wrong. That's head in the sand. That's not the America that you and I know. That is an America running scared. And our vision is an America up and running strong, the leader of the free world. And they're not going to do it by pulling back. (Applause.)

I think the voters in New Hampshire are pretty smart. They know that there are 35,000 jobs here that depend on exports. And I will not let those candidates or this Congress put walls of protection around that are going to throw those people out of work in New Hampshire. (Applause.)

And so, in just a handful of days, New Hampshire is going to decide what kind of leadership is right for the '90s. And that's what makes the decision here on Tuesday so important for our country. Voters here will decide which candidate has the experience and the leadership to do right for you and to do right for your kids.

And ladies and gentlemen, I'm in a tough race, but I've been in tough races before. And the stakes are high, not just for me but for you and for this country. And I need your help, and I am asking for your support. (Applause.)

These campaigns -- you know, I've been around the track some, and these campaigns are rough, perhaps roughest on the voters. But this year the New Hampshire voters have been subjected to literally millions of dollars of negative attacks; the kind that tear people down -- don't offer any solutions, but tear down the other guy.

And I am confident, very confident, that the people of New Hampshire understand what this election is really about. It's not about who can trash another's candidacy in some 30-second spot. What it's about is the very serious business of electing a president of the United States of America. (Applause.) And it's about somebody that has the toughness and the experience to lead this country. I believe I am that man, and I want your support. Now let's go out and get to work. (Applause.)

Thank you, and may God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)

THE AUDIENCE: Four more years, four more years, four more years.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. Now let's go out and do a little canvassing. (Applause.)

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