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Please provide any comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 03/11, with a copy to this office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

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CHICAGOLAND WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS
REPORT EARLY '92 OPTIMISM
DESPITE POOR FOURTH-QUARTER PERFORMANCE

Quarterly Index Reveals Positive Industry Outlook

CHICAGO, March 12, 1992 -- Chicagoland wholesale distributors revealed a surprisingly upbeat forecast for the first two quarters of 1992 in results released today for the quarterly industry survey conducted by IBM and Northwestern University. Despite fourth-quarter declines in sales and other key variables, respondents of this critical Chicago business sector forecasted improvement in near-term business performance.

The Chicagoland Wholesale Distribution (CWD) Index revealed strong optimism among local responding businesses for their company's prospects for both the first-quarter and 12-month periods of 1992.

"The reported fourth-quarter declines in business performance by local distributors indicate an economic retreat for this industry," said Haskel Benishay, Ph.D. and professor of macroeconomics at the J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University. "These results are consistent with the

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pattern of a slowing growth rate in Real Gross Domestic Product, which fell from 1.8 percent in the third quarter to 0.8 percent in the fourth quarter of 1991."

Compared to the third quarter of 1991 in which only 34.9 percent of the local industry reported decreases in sales, 46 percent of distributors cited sales declines for the fourth quarter. Respondents indicated similarly lackluster performance with regard to incoming orders, profit margins, net income, employment, inventory and average days sales outstanding where more firms reported setbacks than advances.

IBM and Northwestern University launched the CWD Index in the second quarter of 1991 to provide the first local measuring stick of the middle-market wholesale distribution industry's performance as well as an assessment of current attitudes and trends. For the fourth quarter of 1991, a sample of 117 Chicago-area businesses supplied 1991 fourth-quarter results and forecasted their first- and second-quarter results for 1992.

"In light of poor fourth-quarter performance, wholesale distributors are remarkably confident about their ability to rebound in the first two quarters of 1992," said Benishay, adding that, "The optimistic forecast by local distributors seems reasonable in light of current economic trends."

For example, while only 44 percent of respondents cited sales increases for the fourth quarter, 50 percent predicted improved sales for the first quarter of 1992, with 72 percent forecasting sales increases for the second quarter. Respondents were similarly optimistic with regard to net income, incoming orders, margins and days sales outstanding.

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Larger companies -- those with sales of \$5 million and above -- fared best during the 1991 fourth quarter and were the most optimistic for the next two quarters' performance. Fifty-two percent of larger distributors experienced a fourth-quarter sales increase, with 57 percent and 81 percent predicting first- and second-quarter increases, respectively. Smaller companies (annual sales below \$1 million) incurred 53 percent of sales decreases during the fourth quarter, and predict sales increases of 20 percent and 60 percent for the first and second quarters of 1992.

Overall, respondents reported even weaker fourth-quarter performance for after-tax income than for sales, with only 28 percent citing increases and 50 percent posting decreases in income. In line with reduced income, only 25 percent of distributors polled indicated increased profit margins for the fourth quarter, with 37 percent citing decreases.

Distributors also reported a decrease in jobs during the fourth quarter but anticipate increases for the next two quarters.

"These survey findings are consistent with what we are already hearing from our customers in the local distribution marketplace. While the industry has not been recession-proof, as shown by fourth-quarter performance, it has been and remains very optimistic for its future growth and success," said J. Fritz Skeen, IBM General Manager, Greater Chicago Trading Area.

Survey respondents report greater optimism for their own companies than for the industry as a whole and are more optimistic for the longer 12-month period than for the next quarter. Results

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show 68 percent as optimistic with regard to their own company's 12-month prospects compared to 50 percent for the 1992 first-quarter outlook. With regard to the industry's prospects for the next twelve months, only 39 percent of distributors were optimistic; 40 percent were neutral and 18 percent were pessimistic.

"These results demonstrate that local wholesale distributors are far more confident about their own ability to lead their companies to success than they are about the industry's ability to succeed as a whole," explains Benishay.

Separately, respondents reported a 26 mean percent gross profit margin for the fourth quarter on their company's combined product categories.

The CWD Index is based on information from three wholesale distribution segments -- automotive (dealers, aftermarket, parts, repairs), nondurables (food, beverage, drug, paper, softgoods) and durables (hardware, lumber, building materials, furniture, metal).

State of Illinois figures indicate that approximately 65,000 wholesale distributors in the Chicagoland area employ more than 513,000 workers and generate annual sales of \$50 billion dollars.

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(Grossman)
March 12, 1992
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CHICAGO FUNDRAISER
MARCH 16, 1992

Thank you Governor Edgar. My good friend Rich Williamson. Believe me, Illinois needs this man in the United States Senate. It's great to be back in Chicago. I've been visiting this state a lot recently, but that hasn't been enough. I've imported my own Illinois army to Washington -- including Secretary of Agriculture Madigan, Secretary of Veteran Affairs Ed Derwinski, and Secretary of Labor, Lynn Martin. And when I was looking to hire a Chief of Staff, I turned to the Windy City again. I needed someone with experience, with competence -- but Mike Ditka said he was too busy. \\ Fortunately, Sam Skinner rose to the challenge. \\ Sam's doing a great job. I hear they even billed these remarks as "Speech by Sam Skinner's friend."

Someone once wrote that "Chicago does not lie there...waiting for things to happen. Chicago moves...making things happen." This year, the people of Chicago and the people of this great state are going to make things happen again. The choices we make will affect not only the next election. They will affect the next generation as well. We're in a battle for our future: We want America to lead the world in good jobs with productive work. \\ We want to remain a force for world peace and freedom. \\ And we're fighting to protect our most basic institution -- the family. \\

That's why this year of decision is so important for America. \ That's why tomorrow's primary election -- and November's general election -- are vital to our future. I'm asking you to get out the vote and create a resounding mandate to transform America. \ Let's nominate and elect men and women who share our values. \ We've got more to do to get America on the right track. \\ So I'm asking you for four more years as your President. \\

America was built on faith, family and freedom -- these form the foundation of our great country. And we must now renew those sources of our strength. \\

We must allow common sense to prevail in our welfare system -- forge a new connection between welfare and work. When Chicago -- the "City That Works" -- finds 17% of its population dependent on welfare -- something's gone wrong. Americans aren't cold hearted -- we're a caring people: Americans support welfare for families in need. But Americans want to see government at every level work together to track down the dead-beat Dads -- the ones who can't be bothered to pay child-support. \\ They want to see us break the cycle of dependency that destroys dignity -- passes down poverty from one generation to the next. That's wrong. That's cruel. And we're working to change it. And my administration will continue to encourage state⁵ to innovate with plans that help people break welfare dependency and begin learning work skills. \\

Here's another way we can fight for the the family: by giving parents the right to choose their children's schools. Our students learn and grow by competing in school, and our schools will improve by competing for students. School choice is at the heart of America 2000 -- our strategy to revolutionize American education.

Parents -- not some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C. -- know what is best for their children. \\ That's why I worked to win a child-care bill that provides parents the right to choose who provides the care. We know America is first as long as we put the family first. \\

For three years I've had to fight the liberal leadership of Congress on these issues. And I will continue to stand and fight for principle even when Congress stands in the way. We've fought, and we've put judges on the bench who know their role is to interpret the law -- not create it. I'll use the veto when I have to -- to stand for principle -- to stand up for family values. \\ As it is, even my friends have said that at times I was courting defeat by casting a veto instead of cutting a deal. But we've never lost a veto fight -- and I'll never hesitate to use the power of the pen when principle is at stake. \\

You remember I've asked Congress to pass tax cuts and incentives to get the economy moving -- to get real estate up and running, to reward risk-takers who create good jobs. \\ It's time for Congress to cut the tax on capital gains. \\

But instead of passing my plan, the big spenders that control the Congress have other ideas. In the House: a temporary tax cut for more people. In the Senate: a permanent cut for less people. How much? 25 cents -- a quarter-a-day for each man, woman and child. What's the catch? A permanent tax increase of 100 billion dollars. \\ The Democrats call that "new revenue." I call it: "your money." \\ If you agree, tell the Congress: Keep the pocket change -- and keep your hands off the taxpayers' wallets. *BAH!* *Leadership* And if the liberals send me their scheme, I'll veto it the minute it hits my desk.

Remember: I set a deadline: March 20. That's just four days away. I've said to Congress: pass our plan, \ get our economy moving, \ do something now for the American people. \\

We'll fight -- and we'll win. And we'll keep to our course of leadership in the world economy -- because if we want to succeed economically at home, we've got to lead economically abroad. I spoke about this in December when I visited the Mercantile Exchange -- those folks are out there on the frontier of the global marketplace and they know what I mean. So do Illinois exporters. This state exports almost 35 billion dollars a year in manufactured goods. Over 400,000 Illinois jobs depend on exports. Think of it -- this is the city that gave the world Sears and Wrigley gum, Motorola and McDonald's hamburgers. That's free markets. That's free trade. That's my idea of how America competes and how America succeeds. \\

But my opponents are peddling protectionism -- a retreat from economic reality. Cut through all the patriotic posturing -- all the tough talk about "fighting back" by closing shop. Look closely. That's not the American flag they're waving -- it's the white flag of surrender. \\ Well, that's not the America you and I know. \\

America doesn't cut and run -- we compete. Never in this nation's long history have we turned our backs on a challenge -- and we won't start now. \\

I put my faith in the American worker: level the playing field, and the American worker will out-think, out-produce and out-perform anyone, anywhere, anytime. \\

We must let the world know this: Whatever the challenge, America will meet it. America is in it to win. // Think back a year ago -- to the calm after Desert Storm. Ask any one of the proud sons and daughters of Illinois who became liberators of Kuwait: they'll tell you military strength doesn't mean a thing without moral support right here at home.

Yes: There were those who didn't support us then -- there are those who second guess us now. But not here -- not in Illinois. When I drew that line in the sand -- you stood with me. Never would this country tuck tail // and let aggression stand. // America did what was good and just -- and we did what was right. //

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-- KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR THEIR CHILDREN. \\ THAT'S WHY
I WORKED TO WIN A CHILD-CARE BILL THAT GIVES PARENTS
THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE WHO PROVIDES THE CARE. WE KNOW
AMERICA IS FIRST AS LONG AS WE PUT THE FAMILY FIRST. \\

FOR THREE YEARS I'VE HAD TO FIGHT THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP OF CONGRESS ON THESE ISSUES. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO STAND AND FIGHT FOR PRINCIPLE EVEN WHEN CONGRESS STANDS IN THE WAY. WE'VE FOUGHT, AND WE'VE PUT JUDGES ON THE BENCH WHO KNOW THEIR ROLE IS TO INTERPRET THE LAW -- NOT CREATE IT. I'LL USE THE VETO WHEN I HAVE TO -- TO STAND FOR PRINCIPLE -- TO STAND UP FOR FAMILY VALUES. \\ AS IT IS, EVEN MY FRIENDS HAVE SAID THAT AT TIMES I WAS COURTING DEFEAT BY CASTING A VETO INSTEAD OF CUTTING A DEAL. BUT WE'VE NEVER LOST A VETO FIGHT -- AND I'LL NEVER HESITATE TO USE THE POWER OF THE PEN WHEN PRINCIPLE IS AT STAKE. \\

YOU REMEMBER I ASKED CONGRESS TO PASS TAX CUTS AND INCENTIVES TO GET THE ECONOMY MOVING -- TO GET REAL ESTATE UP AND RUNNING, TO REWARD RISK-TAKERS WHO CREATE GOOD JOBS. \\ IT'S TIME FOR CONGRESS TO CUT THE TAX ON CAPITAL GAINS. \\

BUT INSTEAD OF PASSING MY PLAN, THE BIG SPENDERS THAT CONTROL THE CONGRESS HAVE OTHER IDEAS. IN THE HOUSE: A TEMPORARY TAX CUT FOR MORE PEOPLE. IN THE SENATE: A PERMANENT CUT FOR LESS PEOPLE. HOW MUCH? 25 CENTS -- A QUARTER-A-DAY FOR EACH MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD. WHAT'S THE CATCH? A PERMANENT TAX INCREASE OF 90 BILLION DOLLARS. \\ THE DEMOCRATS CALL THAT "NEW REVENUE." I CALL IT: "YOUR MONEY." \\ IF THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP SENDS ME THEIR SCHEME, I'LL VETO IT THE MINUTE IT HITS MY DESK.

REMEMBER -- I SET A DEADLINE: MARCH 20. THAT'S JUST FOUR DAYS AWAY. I'VE SAID TO CONGRESS: PASS OUR PLAN, \ GET OUR ECONOMY MOVING, \ DO SOMETHING NOW FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. \\

WE'LL FIGHT -- AND WE'LL WIN. AND WE'LL KEEP TO
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BECAUSE IF WE WANT TO SUCCEED ECONOMICALLY AT HOME,
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THIS IN DECEMBER WHEN I VISITED THE MERCANTILE EXCHANGE
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FLAG OF SURRENDER. \ \ WELL, THAT'S NOT THE AMERICA
YOU AND I KNOW. \ \

AMERICA DOESN'T CUT AND RUN -- WE COMPETE. NEVER
IN THIS NATION'S LONG HISTORY HAVE WE TURNED OUR BACKS
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I PUT MY FAITH IN THE AMERICAN WORKER: LEVEL THE
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WE MUST LET THE WORLD KNOW THIS: WHATEVER THE CHALLENGE, AMERICA WILL MEET IT. AMERICA IS IN IT TO WIN. // THINK BACK A YEAR AGO -- TO THE CALM AFTER DESERT STORM. ASK ANY ONE OF THE PROUD SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ILLINOIS WHO BECAME LIBERATORS OF KUWAIT: THEY'LL TELL YOU MILITARY STRENGTH DOESN'T MEAN A THING WITHOUT MORAL SUPPORT RIGHT HERE AT HOME.

YES: THERE WERE THOSE WHO DIDN'T SUPPORT US THEN -- THERE ARE THOSE WHO SECOND GUESS US NOW. BUT NOT HERE -- NOT IN ILLINOIS. WHEN I DREW THAT LINE IN THE SAND -- YOU STOOD WITH ME. NEVER WOULD THIS COUNTRY TUCK TAIL // AND LET AGGRESSION STAND. // AMERICA DID WHAT WAS GOOD AND JUST -- AND WE DID WHAT WAS RIGHT.

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CHICAGO FUNDRAISER
HYATT REGENCY
MARCH 16, 1992
7:00 P.M.

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THANK YOU GOVERNOR EDGAR. ~~SUE ANN~~ [EDGAR]. I'M
PLEASED CONGRESSMAN DORNAN COULD JOIN US THIS EVENING
AS WELL AS BOB MOSBACHER AND BOBBY HOLT. MY GOOD
FRIEND RICH WILLIAMSON. AND LET ME QUICKLY THANK
ADNREA PARISH FOR HER BEAUTIFUL SINGING, CONGRESSMAN
HENRY HYDE FOR THE INVOCATION, AND PAT RYAN FOR
PUTTING THIS EVENT TOGETHER. BELIEVE ME, ILLINOIS
NEEDS THIS MAN IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE. IT'S GREAT
TO BE BACK IN CHICAGO. I'VE BEEN VISITING THIS STATE A
LOT RECENTLY, BUT THAT HASN'T BEEN ENOUGH. I'VE
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OF VETERAN AFFAIRS ED DERWINSKI, AND SECRETARY OF
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CHIEF OF STAFF, I TURNED TO THE WINDY CITY AGAIN. I
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MIKE DITKA SAID HE WAS TOO BUSY. \ \ FORTUNATELY, SAM
SKINNER ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE. \ \ SAM'S DOING A GREAT
JOB. I HEAR THEY EVEN BILLED THESE REMARKS AS "SPEECH
BY SAM SKINNER'S FRIEND."

SOMEONE ONCE WROTE THAT "CHICAGO DOES NOT LIE THERE...WAITING FOR THINGS TO HAPPEN. CHICAGO MOVES...MAKING THINGS HAPPEN." THIS YEAR, THE PEOPLE OF CHICAGO AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT STATE ARE GOING TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN AGAIN. THE CHOICES WE MAKE WILL AFFECT NOT ONLY THE NEXT ELECTION. THEY WILL AFFECT THE NEXT GENERATION AS WELL. WE'RE IN A BATTLE FOR OUR FUTURE: WE WANT AMERICA TO LEAD THE WORLD IN GOOD JOBS WITH PRODUCTIVE WORK. \ \ WE WANT TO REMAIN A FORCE FOR WORLD PEACE AND FREEDOM. \ \ AND WE'RE FIGHTING TO PROTECT OUR MOST BASIC INSTITUTION -- THE FAMILY. \ \

THAT'S WHY THIS YEAR OF DECISION IS SO IMPORTANT FOR AMERICA. \ THAT'S WHY TOMORROW'S PRIMARY ELECTION -- AND NOVEMBER'S GENERAL ELECTION -- ARE VITAL TO OUR FUTURE. I'M ASKING YOU TO GET OUT THE VOTE AND CREATE A RESOUNDING MANDATE TO TRANSFORM AMERICA. \ LET'S NOMINATE AND ELECT MEN AND WOMEN WHO SHARE OUR VALUES. \ WE'VE GOT MORE TO DO TO GET AMERICA ON THE RIGHT TRACK. \ \ SO I'M ASKING YOU FOR FOUR MORE YEARS AS YOUR PRESIDENT. \ \

AMERICA WAS BUILT ON FAITH, FAMILY AND FREEDOM --
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SUPPORT WELFARE FOR FAMILIES IN NEED. BUT AMERICANS
WANT TO SEE GOVERNMENT AT EVERY LEVEL WORK TOGETHER TO
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THEY WANT TO SEE US
BREAK THE CYCLE OF DEPENDENCY THAT DESTROYS DIGNITY --
PASSES DOWN POVERTY FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT.
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CHANGE IT. AND MY ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO
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HERE'S ANOTHER WAY WE CAN FIGHT FOR THE FAMILY:
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DAVE DEMAREST *DD*
FROM: JENNIFER GROSSMAN *JG*
SUBJECT: CHICAGO BUSH-QUAYLE FUNDRAISER

On Monday, March 16th, at 7:45 p.m., you will deliver remarks (13 minutes/teleprompted) at a Bush-Quayle fundraising dinner at Chicago's Hyatt Regency. 700 attendees are expected.

Your speech is based on the "stump speech" used last week in the southern primary states.

(Grossman)
March 12, 1992
Draft Two
CHICAGO

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: CHICAGO FUNDRAISER
MARCH 16, 1992

Thank you Governor Edgar. My good friend Rich Williamson. Believe me, Illinois needs this man in the United States Senate. It's great to be back in Chicago. I've been visiting this state a lot recently, but that hasn't been enough. I've imported my own Illinois army to Washington -- including Secretary of Agriculture Madigan, Secretary of Veteran Affairs Ed Derwinski, and Secretary of Labor, Lynn Martin. And when I was looking to hire a Chief of Staff, I turned to the Windy City again. I needed someone with experience, with competence -- but Mike Ditka said he was too busy. \\ Fortunately, Sam Skinner rose to the challenge. \\ Sam's doing a great job. I hear they even billed these remarks as "Speech by Sam Skinner's friend."

Someone once wrote that "Chicago does not lie there...waiting for things to happen. Chicago moves...making things happen." This year, the people of Chicago and the people of this great state are going to make things happen again. The choices we make will affect not only the next election. They will affect the next generation as well. We're in a battle for our future: We want America to lead the world in good jobs with productive work. \\ We want to remain a force for world peace and freedom. \\ And we're fighting to protect our most basic institution -- the family. \\

That's why this year of decision is so important for America. \ That's why tomorrow's primary election -- and November's general election -- are vital to our future. I'm asking you to get out the vote and create a resounding mandate to transform America. \ Let's nominate and elect men and women who share our values. \ We've got more to do to get America on the right track. \\ So I'm asking you for four more years as your President. \\

America was built on faith, family and freedom -- these form the foundation of our great country. And we must now renew those sources of our strength. \\

We must allow common sense to prevail in our welfare system -- forge a new connection between welfare and work. When Chicago -- the "City That Works" -- finds 17% of its population dependent on welfare -- something's gone wrong. Americans aren't cold hearted -- we're a caring people: Americans support welfare for families in need. But Americans want to see government at every level work together to track down the dead-beat Dads -- the ones who can't be bothered to pay child-support. \\ They want to see us break the cycle of dependency that destroys dignity -- passes down poverty from one generation to the next. That's wrong. That's cruel. And we're working to change it. And my administration will continue to encourage state to innovate with plans that help people break welfare dependency and begin learning work skills. \\

Here's another way we can fight for the the family: by giving parents the right to choose their children's schools. Our students learn and grow by competing in school, and our schools will improve by competing for students. School choice is at the heart of America 2000 -- our strategy to revolutionize American education.

Parents -- not some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C. -- know what is best for their children. \\ That's why I worked to win a child-care bill that provides parents the right to choose who provides the care. We know America is first as long as we put the family first. \\

For three years I've had to fight the liberal leadership of Congress on these issues. And I will continue to stand and fight for principle even when Congress stands in the way. We've fought, and we've put judges on the bench who know their role is to interpret the law -- not create it. I'll use the veto when I have to -- to stand for principle -- to stand up for family values. \\ As it is, even my friends have said that at times I was courting defeat by casting a veto instead of cutting a deal. But we've never lost a veto fight -- and I'll never hesitate to use the power of the pen when principle is at stake. \\

You remember I've asked Congress to pass tax cuts and incentives to get the economy moving -- to get real estate up and running, to reward risk-takers who create good jobs. \\ It's time for Congress to cut the tax on capital gains. \\

But instead of passing my plan, the big spenders that control the Congress have other ideas. In the House: a temporary tax cut for more people. In the Senate: a permanent cut for less people. How much? 25 cents -- a quarter-a-day for each man, woman and child. What's the catch? A permanent tax increase of 100 billion dollars. \\ The Democrats call that "new revenue." I call it: "your money." \\ If you agree, tell the Congress: Keep the pocket change -- and keep your hands off the taxpayers' wallets. And if the liberals send me their scheme, I'll veto it the minute it hits my desk.

Remember: I set a deadline: March 20. That's just four days away. I've said to Congress: pass our plan, \ get our economy moving, \ do something now for the American people. \\

We'll fight -- and we'll win. And we'll keep to our course of leadership in the world economy -- because if we want to succeed economically at home, we've got to lead economically abroad. I spoke about this in December when I visited the Mercantile Exchange -- those folks are out there on the frontier of the global marketplace and they know what I mean. So do Illinois exporters. This state exports almost 35 billion dollars a year in manufactured goods. Over 400,000 Illinois jobs depend on exports. Think of it -- this is the city that gave the world Sears and Wrigley gum, Motorola and McDonald's hamburgers. That's free markets. That's free trade. That's my idea of how America competes and how America succeeds. \\

But my opponents are peddling protectionism -- a retreat from economic reality. Cut through all the patriotic posturing -- all the tough talk about "fighting back" by closing shop. Look closely. That's not the American flag they're waving -- it's the white flag of surrender. \\ Well, that's not the America you and I know. \\

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We must let the world know this: Whatever the challenge, America will meet it. America is in it to win. // Think back a year ago -- to the calm after Desert Storm. Ask any one of the proud sons and daughters of Illinois who became liberators of Kuwait: they'll tell you military strength doesn't mean a thing without moral support right here at home.

Yes: There were those who didn't support us then -- there are those who second guess us now. But not here -- not in Illinois. When I drew that line in the sand -- you stood with me. Never would this country tuck tail // and let aggression stand. // America did what was good and just -- and we did what was right. //

We're bringing that same spirit to the fight we face today. Let my opponents sound the retreat -- run from the new realities,

seek refuge in a world of protectionism, high taxes and big government. Let those analysts on TV tick off everything that's wrong in America: We know what's right. And let me say too: I'm counting on the good people of Illinois to reject the ugly politics of hate that is rearing its head. Remember, America is great because America is good. Racism, anti-Semitism and bigotry have no place in the United States of America. //

Let me just close by saying, Barbara and I are blessed -- blessed to serve this great nation of ours at a moment when so many of the old fears have been driven away. When so many new hopes stand within our reach. And since the day I took the oath of office I made it my duty always to try to do what is right for this country. I've given it my level best -- and I'm not done yet. \\

You and I have more work ahead before we've finished our mission. It's a battle for our future: it's about jobs, family, peace -- the kind of legacy we'll leave our kids.

Together, we've made a great beginning to renew the miracle of American enterprise -- and to strengthen our values of family, faith and freedom. Now we're approaching an hour of decision - - tomorrow. Don't wait until November. \\ I'm asking you to vote on March 17th -- in the Republican primary. \\ Give me your vote in this important election next month. Help me win four more years to lead the fight for the values we share. ////

Thank you, and God bless the United States of America.

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