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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 TODAY, Monday, March 23, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

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March 23, 1992
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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS:

GROCERS' PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSEMBLY
HYATT REGENCY CAPITOL HILL
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1992
11:00 a.m.

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((When I was at a grocers' convention in Florida recently, the press wondered why I was so impressed with a new check-out scanner I was shown. I'll tell you why. It was so sophisticated, when I ran my hand across it, it predicted the number of electoral votes I'd get in November.))

((Seriously, though, those new scanners can actually read the signature on a check. Something tells me you'll soon be seeing them in every store on Capitol Hill.))

I'm here today to ask you to help me change this country -- to make it stronger and better. We've changed the world -- we've won a great victory for world peace and freedom. Just as we'll stay engaged with the world, now it's a top priority that we make things better here at home. Let me tell you what that means: It's a legacy of productive jobs for our citizens, with strong families -- secure in a more peaceful world.

I have a strategy to renew America and keep our country strong in the next century. I proposed a plan to stimulate the economy without raising taxes -- and without increasing the federal deficit. Action to strenghten real estate. Action to

help young families buy that first home -- now. \\ I asked for action to create good jobs. One of those action items was to cut the tax on capital gains. \\

But the majority in Congress could not break their tax-and-spend habits. \\ I asked for action to stimulate this economy - not stifle it. \\ I asked for a jobs bill -- and they passed a bill to increase income taxes by 90 billion dollars. \\ They turned their backs on first-time homebuyers by failing to enact a \$5,000 tax credit. They rejected the investment tax allowance and other reforms to help businesses modernize and compete. They voted to keep our capital gains tax among the highest in the developed world.

Yes, I was disappointed in the Congress, but frankly not surprised. So last Friday, I vetoed their tax increase. \\ \\ Then, I announced actions I would take on my own to cut the fat out of government and to cut the red tape that chokes our competitive spirit. \\

You and I have business experience: We understand the cost of over-regulation. We know what the tax increase would really do. About two-thirds of the taxpayers who would be subject to the higher rates are owners of small businesses. More than a million small businesses would be affected -- many of them crippled -- by the Democrats' tax increase. Thousands of family-run grocery and convenience stores are in this category. Small family farms also could face financial ruin from such a tax hike.

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for small family businesses and farms by more than 25 percent.

Just think about the impact of this on your own businesses. The grocery business -- wholesale and retail -- is fiercely competitive. You operate on the thinnest of profit margins -- for wholesalers it's often less than a penny on the dollar.

If you had to face more than a 25 percent increase in the bracket where you pay most of your taxes, how would you cope? You'd feel pressure to cut back on the quality of your service. Competition would press you to hold out as long as possible before passing costs along to your customers -- so you might have to eliminate jobs. Eventually everyone in the business would have to pass the costs along -- and that would fuel inflation.

Those are simple facts of life for people trying to make a living in business.

So last Friday I vetoed their massive tax increase. And I directed the Secretary of Labor to implement promptly the Supreme Court's Beck decision. It is just not right to force a worker to have money taken out of his paycheck to finance the campaigns of politicians he opposes. And my Administration is going to uphold these fundamental rights for American workers.

Also last Friday, I sent Congress my first line-item recissions. This will hold Congress to account as I seek to cut \$4 billion in wasteful spending. And it will bring us a step closer to the power that 43 governors have -- the line-item veto.

I'm also fighting for economic growth through actions that don't need to be passed by this Congress. Take a look at

government regulation. Day by day, rule by rule, and industry by industry, we're winning battles for common sense against over-regulation. Just last Thursday, for example, my Administration announced reforms on nutrition labelling for meat and poultry. Our reforms will keep our food supply every bit as safe, but we will reduce the burden and expense of regulation on American consumers -- and on our hard-working food producers and grocers. \\ \\ If Congress sends me any new legislation that would over-regulate our economy, I'll veto it as soon as it reaches my desk.

Now if we Americans are going to hone our skills and really compete in the coming years, we've got a lot more to do. I want us to keep our sights on the next American Century. My strategy focuses on five key concerns:

First, we must change and renew our schools. When I think of America in the year 2000, I think of a nation of students educating ourselves throughout our lifetimes in the best system of schools, colleges and universities in the world. This will take revolutionary changes. Most of our states and hundreds of local communities have joined me already in a commitment we call America 2000. Business as usual will not help us reach our national education goals. We need to get behind world class standards, new curriculum frameworks, break-the-mold schools, voluntary national testing. And a centerpiece of our plan is the belief that schools will do their best when parents enjoy real freedom and real responsibility to choose their children's schools. School choice for parents is an idea whose time has

come. \\

Second, we need to make our excellent health care more affordable and more available to Americans. \\ We all know the problems: Too many people don't have health insurance -- and health care costs are going through the roof. We also know that the answer doesn't lie in costly and coercive plans like the scheme to make employers "play or pay." And the answer certainly isn't socialized medicine. \\ Nationalized health care would be a national disaster. \\ The way I've proposed we help our society deal with this is based on markets and choice. Our answer is to change our health care system for the better -- not ruin it. Just as in education, vouchers are a key part of my vision of giving Americans a fairer and more affordable health care system. \\

Third, we need to stop the epidemic of lawsuits. \\ Things are so out of hand that parents refuse to coach Little League for fear of liability suits. Some doctors won't deliver babies anymore because of malpractice suits. \\ Well, just imagine what we could achieve if we spent as much time helping each other as we do suing each other. \\ And the costs of liability and litigation on small business are absolutely horrendous. You know, there were 18 million lawsuits filed in America last year. Eighteen million! That's why I've asked Congress to pass my civil justice reform bill -- which will help people resolve problems without needless lawsuits. \\

Fourth, we must reform government in line with one of

America's most important founding principles: strict limits on the size and power of government. With a federal government that now gobbles up a quarter of GNP, we can't really say we are as free as we should be. We must fix a congressional system gone out of control. Let's apply to Congress all the laws they impose on people like you: Civil rights laws, the minimum wage, fair labor standards, and so forth. \\ And let's eliminate the special interest PACs that give unfair advantages to incumbents in Congress. \\ And say yes to the people's call for term limits on Congress. \\ My term is limited -- theirs should be, too. \\

Fifth, we must work to expand our markets. I want to open up the exciting market opportunities in Mexico as soon as possible. As we work for the North American Free Trade Agreement, I'm also making progress advancing my vision of open trade and rising investment throughout the entire Western Hemisphere. [~~placeholder for insert from Clayton Yeutter on Kohl meeting and GATT~~] With open markets and a level playing field, I know Americans can out-produce and out-perform anyone, anytime, anywhere. \\

On each of these challenges, there are two roads to take: One is reform, the other protects the status quo.

You and I are gathered on Capitol Hill today because we share a common purpose. We're here in the neighborhood of a Congress that fails to heed calls for reform, that fails to pass a simple plan to help create jobs and build confidence. We're not simply going to complain about the Congress -- we're going to

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change the Congress. \\ Whoever can't help get this country moving -- can get out of the way. \\

There are hundreds of you here -- hometown business leaders who are the backbone of your communities. Just after this speech, I understand that all of you are headed up the Hill to visit your Senators and Representatives. I hope you'll pass along my warmest thanks to those who supported our economic growth plan. But for any of those members of Congress who happen to be part of the crowd that's trying to stifle the economy while squeezing more taxes out of working Americans, I'd like you to send them this message: Goodbye.

This will be my final campaign -- and I plan to fight as never before. I never dreamed I'd have the privilege of being your President at the great turning point when freedom prevailed over imperial Communism. But I won't rest until I help this country win another legacy.

You can help me. You can help lead this country to new heights of freedom and prosperity. Thank you, and God bless the United States of America.

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Just think about the impact of this on your own businesses. The grocery business -- wholesale and retail -- is fiercely competitive. You operate on the thinnest of profit margins -- for wholesalers it's often less than a penny on the dollar.

If you had to face a big increase in the bracket where you pay most of your taxes, how would you cope? You'd feel pressure to cut back on the quality of your service. Competition would press you to hold out as long as possible before passing costs along to your customers -- so you might have to eliminate jobs. Eventually everyone in the business would have to pass the costs along -- and that would fuel inflation.

Those are simple facts of life for people trying to make a living. Even as millions of American families were huddling over their kitchen tables to work on their tax returns, the liberal Congress tried to raise their taxes by \$90 billion.

Last Friday I vetoed their massive tax increase. And I sent Congress my first line-item recissions -- cutting \$3.6 billion in wasteful spending. These will serve notice to Congress that the days of wasteful spending are over. And it is a step symbolic of the power that 43 governors have -- the line-item veto.

I'm also fighting for economic growth through actions that don't need to be passed by this Congress. Take a look at government regulation. Day by day, rule by rule, and industry by

industry, we're winning battles against over-regulation. We're winning victories for common sense and freedom. Just last Thursday, for example, my Administration announced reforms on nutrition labeling for meat and poultry. Our reforms will keep our food supply every bit as safe, but we will reduce the burden and expense of regulation on American consumers -- and on our hard-working food producers and grocers. \\ \\ If Congress sends me any new legislation that would over-regulate our economy, I'll veto it as soon as it reaches my desk. Now if we Americans are going to hone our skills and really compete in the coming years, we've got a lot more to do. I want us to keep our sights on the next American Century. When I think of America in the year 2000, I think of the five strategic concerns mentioned in my address to the nation last Friday.

First, we must change and renew our schools. We must become a nation of students educating ourselves throughout our lifetimes in the best system of schools, colleges and universities in the world. This will take revolutionary changes. Most of our states and hundreds of local communities are committed to change. They have joined me already in a ^{crusade} ~~commitment~~ we call America 2000. Business as usual will not help us reach our national education goals. We need to get behind world class standards, new curriculum frameworks, break-the-mold schools, voluntary national testing. And a centerpiece of our plan is the belief that schools will do their best when parents enjoy real freedom and real responsibility to choose their children's schools. School

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RESPONSE:

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I'm here today to ask you to ~~do something for~~ *help change* our country. This year's national elections are historic -- they are the first since the end of the Cold War. We've changed the world -- we've won a great victory for world peace and freedom. ~~We'll stay engaged with the world, but now it's a top priority that we set some things right here at home.~~ *time to change America*

Let's begin with the United States Congress. \ \ This year, let's show that the people are sovereign. Let's not just complain about Congress -- let's transform it. \ \ Let's replace the liberal ruling class with common-sense people who share our

values. \

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The Old Guard that rules Congress has fallen out of touch and out of control. Congress is the number one obstacle to moving this country forward. And it's time to change its leadership. \\

Think of how the Democratic majority in Congress responded when I asked them to do what's right for our economy:

They turned their back on first-time homebuyers by failing to enact a \$5,000 tax credit.

They rejected the investment tax allowance and other reforms that could help businesses modernize with new equipment. They turned down my plan to allow \$10 billion more in cash flow for companies that create many of the jobs in this country.

They voted to keep our capital gains tax among the highest in the developed world. For purely partisan reasons, they refused to pass my proposal to cut those steep taxes on investment and job creation.

My State of the Union proposals offered those and other incentives for growth without raising taxes -- and without increasing the federal deficit. And I gave Congress fair warning: If it sent me a bill raising taxes, I'd send it back with my veto. And that's exactly what I did last Friday. \\

I asked for action to stimulate this economy -- not stifle it. \\ I members of Congress to asked them to break their tax-and-spend habits -- but they couldn't do it. \\ I asked for a jobs bill -- and they passed a bill to increase income taxes by

90 billion dollars.

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Refusal to pass my common-sense plan

They broke their trust with the American people -- and I kept my promise: I vetoed their tax increase. ||

The Democrats' ~~attempts to explain their actions~~ prove how far removed they are from the real people who make this country

work. Here are the exact words of the House Democrat who sponsored the tax increase: "The richest 1 percent of all Americans will pay more. We will have returned to the time-honored tradition of taxing people on their ability to pay."

Why put their "fairness" argument in our speech?

They want us to think no one really would suffer from such a massive tax increase. They want us to think all their targets are so "rich" they would never feel the pinch.

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Anyone who believes that is dangerously out of touch. || You and I have business experience: We know what the tax increase would really do. About two-thirds of the taxpayers who would be subject to the higher rates are owners of small businesses. More than a million small businesses would be affected -- many of them crippled -- by the Democrats' tax increase. Thousands of family-run grocery and convenience stores are in this category. Small family farms also could face financial ruin from such a tax hike.

The bill I've just vetoed tried to raise the marginal rate for small family businesses and farms by a full 25 percent.

Just think about the impact of this on your own businesses. The grocery business -- wholesale and retail -- is fiercely competitive. You operate on the thinnest of profit margins ---

If you had to face a 25 percent increase in the bracket where you pay most of your taxes, how would you cope? You'd feel pressure to cut back on the quality of your service -- that costs money, after all. You'd feel competitive pressure to hold out as long as possible before passing costs along to your customers -- so you would be pressed to eliminate jobs. Eventually everyone in the business would have to pass the costs along -- and that would fuel inflation. The tax-hungry Democrats' triple play would give us poorer service, fewer jobs, and more inflation.

Those are the simple facts of life for people trying to make a living in business. But the arrogant politicians who call the shots in Congress just don't get it. And this President has run out of patience.

So I'm going to assure we return on my own, where I can.

Last Friday I sent Congress my first line-item recissions. This action will hold Congress to account as I seek to cut \$4 billion in wasteful spending. And it will bring us a step closer to the power that 43 governors have -- the line-item veto. \ \

I'm also fighting for economic growth through actions that don't need to be passed by this Congress. That's in the area of ^{excessive} ~~government~~ regulation. Day by day and rule by rule, we're winning battles for common sense against over-regulation. [Add details of particular interest to grocers and convenience stores.]

But if we're to hone our skills and really compete in the coming years, we've got a lot more to do. I want us to keep our

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~~sights on~~ the next American Century.

First, we must work to expand our market

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I want to open

up markets in Mexico, throughout Latin America, and around the world. \ \

Second, we must create a new generation of world-class quality schools -- energized by competition and freedom for parents to choose what schools are best for their kids. \ \

change the way we educate our kids. We will

Third, we need to make our excellent health care more affordable and more available to Americans -- and the answer lies in markets, not in socialized medicine. \ \

Fourth, we need to stop the epidemic of lawsuits. \ \
Imagine what we could achieve if we spent as much time helping each other as we do suing each other. \ \

Fundamental legal reform --

And fifth, we must tackle each of these challenges without swelling the bureaucracy -- and without raising taxes. \ \ If there is one central conviction that separates you and me from the liberals in Congress, it is this: We believe government is too big -- and it spends too much. \ \ \ \

On every one of these challenges, there are two opposing camps. One is fighting for reform, the other is defending the status quo. I know I can count on you to fight with me for reform. And we'll tell the people in Congress: Help get this country moving -- or get out of the way. \ \

This year must be a watershed. Our most powerful weapon to win victories for our future is the ballot box. It's time for the American people to show the Congress and the bureaucracy who is really the boss. \ \

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we share. I'll work to earn the people's vote for a second term. And I'll work just as hard to transform the United States Congress. People are filled with righteous anger at the arrogance and the abuses of the Old Guard in Congress. And it's high time you and I had a Congress that shared our belief in meaning and purpose of this great country. \\\

This year we can change Congress. We can elect new people to restore integrity and common sense to Capitol Hill.

In my second term I want to serve four vigorous years. I want to move this country forward -- with members of Congress who truly represent the American people's values and aspirations. And we must fix a congressional system that has fallen out of control. We need to apply to members of Congress all the laws they impose on everyone else. \\\ We need to reform the campaign funding system that gives unfair advantages to incumbents in Congress: That means eliminate ^{my} the special interest political action committees -- the PACs. \\\ And we must heed the rising public clamor for change. If term limits are right for the presidency, it's time for term limits for Congress. \\\

Again and again, I've tried to send the message to this Congress to get back in touch with the people. But the liberal majority will not listen.

There are hundreds of you here -- hometown business leaders who are the backbone of your communities. When you speak, your representatives listen -- or at least they go through the motions of listening. Some of you live in states...

represented by incorrigibly anti-business liberals.

Just after this speech, I understand that all of you are headed up the Hill to visit your Senators and Representatives. I'm asking you to send the anti-business liberals a message.

Just tell them one word: Goodbye. Tell them they've had their last chance -- and now they're serving their last days in Congress.

Too harsh?

This will be my final campaign -- and I ~~planning~~ to fight as never before. I never dreamed I'd have the privilege of being your President at the great turning point when freedom prevailed over imperial Communism. But I won't rest until I help this country win another legacy. I will fight to elect a Congress that's worthy of the good people of this country.

You can help me. You can help elect a new Congress to work with us -- not against us. You can help lead this country to new heights of freedom and prosperity.

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I have a strategy to renew America and keep our country strong in the next century. I proposed a plan to stimulate the economy without raising taxes -- and without increasing the federal deficit. Action to strenghten real estate. Action to

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\\ We all know the problems: Too many people don't have health insurance -- and health care costs are going through the roof. We also know that the answer doesn't lie in costly and coercive plans like the scheme to make employers "play or pay." And the answer certainly isn't socialized medicine. \\
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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

March 19, 1992

FACT SHEET ON AGRICULTURE REFORMS

As part of the President's 90-day regulatory relief initiative, Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan today announced several actions to reduce the burden of regulation on American farmers, consumers and businesses. These actions will reduce regulatory compliance costs and enhance USDA's ability to serve the public.

1. Reducing Regulatory Compliance Costs. The Department is taking the following steps to reduce regulatory compliance costs while still protecting consumers and taxpayers.
 - o Nutrition Labelling. In November, USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) proposed certain nutrition labelling requirements for meat and poultry products. To reduce costs to consumers and the economy, FSIS will make three changes to its November proposal:
 - provide an exemption for small businesses, as FDA has, so that the regulation does not make meat and poultry labels too expensive for hundreds of food producing firms;
 - extend the implementation period for another year to give firms needed flexibility to comply with the new regulations, reducing their costs by an estimated \$210 million; and
 - allow the use of databases for nutrient labelling information when appropriate, thereby reducing expected implementation costs by about \$650 million.
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I'm here today to ask you to help me change this country -- to make it stronger and better. We've changed the world -- we've won a great victory for world peace and freedom. Just as we'll stay engaged with the world, now it's a top priority that we make things better here at home. Let me tell you what that means: It's a legacy of productive jobs for our citizens, with strong families -- secure in a more peaceful world.

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RESPONSE: *To Dan McGroarty.*

10:05 am.

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
 and Staff Secretary
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Let's begin with the United States Congress. \ \ This year let's show that the people are sovereign. Let's not just complain about Congress -- let's transform it. \ \ Let's replace the liberal ruling class with common-sense people who share our values. \ \

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NO ONE REMEMBERS THEM.

The Old Guard that rules Congress has fallen out of touch and out of control. Congress is the number one obstacle to moving this country forward. And it's time to change its leadership. \\\

Think of how the Democratic majority in Congress responded when I asked them to do what's right for our economy:

They turned their back on first-time homebuyers by failing to enact a \$5,000 tax credit.

They rejected the investment tax allowance and other reforms that could help businesses modernize with new equipment. They turned down my plan to allow \$10 billion more in cash flow for companies that create many of the jobs in this country.

They voted to keep our capital gains tax among the highest in the developed world. For purely partisan reasons, they refused to pass my proposal to cut those steep taxes on investment and job creation.

My State of the Union proposals offered those and other incentives for growth without raising taxes -- and without increasing the federal deficit. And I gave Congress fair warning: If it sent me a bill raising taxes, I'd send it back with my veto. And that's exactly what I did last Friday. \\\

I asked for action to stimulate this economy -- not stifle it. \\\ I members of Congress to asked them to break their tax-and-spend habits -- but they couldn't do it. \\\ I asked for a jobs bill -- and they passed a bill to increase income taxes by 90 billion dollars. \\\

They broke their trust with the American people -- and I kept my promise: I vetoed their tax increase. \\\

The Democrats' attempts to explain their actions prove how far removed they are from the real people who make this country work. Here are the exact words of the House Democrat who sponsored the tax increase: "The richest 1 percent of all Americans will pay more. We will have returned to the time-honored tradition of taxing people on their ability to pay."

They want us to think no one really would suffer from such a massive tax increase. They want us to think all their targets are so "rich" they would never feel the pinch.

Anyone who believes that is dangerously out of touch. \\\ You and I have business experience: We know what the tax increase would really do. About two-thirds of the taxpayers who would be subject to the higher rates are owners of small businesses. More than a million small businesses would be affected -- many of them crippled -- by the Democrats' tax increase. Thousands of family-run grocery and convenience stores are in this category. Small family farms also could face financial ruin from such a tax hike.

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If you had to face a 25 percent increase in the bracket where you pay most of your taxes, how would you cope? You'd feel pressure to cut back on the quality of your service -- that costs money, after all. You'd feel competitive pressure to hold out as long as possible before passing costs along to your customers -- so you would be pressed to eliminate jobs. Eventually everyone in the business would have to pass the costs along -- and that would fuel inflation. The tax-hungry Democrats' triple play would give us poorer service, fewer jobs, and more inflation.

Those are the simple facts of life for people trying to make a living in business. But the arrogant politicians who call the shots in Congress just don't get it. And this President has run out of patience.

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This year we can change Congress. We can elect new people to restore integrity and common sense to Capitol Hill.

In my second term I want to serve four vigorous years. I want to move this country forward -- with members of Congress who truly represent the American people's values and aspirations. And we must fix a congressional system that has fallen out of control. We need to apply to members of Congress all the laws they impose on everyone else. \\ We need to reform the campaign funding system that gives unfair advantages to incumbents in Congress: That means eliminate the special interest political action committees -- the PACs. \\ And we must heed the rising public clamor for change. If term limits are right for the presidency, it's time for term limits for Congress. \\ \\

Again and again, I've tried to send the message to this Congress to get back in touch with the people. But the liberal majority will not listen.

There are hundreds of you here -- hometown business leaders who are the backbone of your communities. When you speak, your representatives listen -- or at least they go through the motions of listening. Some of you live in states or districts

represented by incorrigibly anti-business liberals.

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March 21, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: GENE C. SCHAERR *GCS*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: 3/24 Speech to Grocers' Public Affairs Assembly

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We request the following changes:

On page 4, line 17, insert "kind of accountability and" before the word "power." Also insert "because they have" before "the line-item veto." These line-item rescissions will not, in fact, bring us any closer to a true line-item veto, but it may provide some of the policy and political benefits.

On page 4, line 21, insert the following instead of the bracketed material: "Just last Thursday, for example, the Department of Agriculture took action to cut back unnecessary regulation of food and nutrition labels."

On page 6, line 14, replace "everyone else" with "others." On line 16, insert "most harmful" before "special."

I have also noted some stylistic suggestions on various pages.

cc: Phil Brady

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Let's begin with the United States Congress. \\ This year, let's show that the people are sovereign. Let's not just complain about Congress -- let's transform it. \\ Let's replace the liberal ruling class with common-sense people who share our values. \\

They broke their trust with the American people -- and I kept my promise: I vetoed their tax increase. \\\

The Democrats' attempts to explain their actions prove how far removed they are from the real people who make this country work. Here are the exact words of the House Democrat who sponsored the tax increase: "The richest 1 percent of all Americans will pay more. We will have returned to the time-honored tradition of taxing people on their ability to pay."

They want us to think no one really would suffer from such a massive tax increase. They want us to think all their targets are so "rich" they would never feel the pinch.

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Just think about the impact of this on your own businesses. The grocery business -- wholesale and retail -- is fiercely competitive. You operate on the thinnest of profit margins --- for wholesalers it's often less than a penny on the dollar.

If you had to face a 25 percent increase in the bracket where you pay most of your taxes, how would you cope? You'd feel pressure to cut back on the quality of your service -- that costs money, after all. You'd feel competitive pressure to hold out as long as possible before passing costs along to your customers --- so you would be pressed to eliminate jobs. Eventually everyone in the business would have to pass the costs along -- and that would fuel inflation. The tax-hungry Democrats' triple play would give us poorer service, fewer jobs, and more inflation.

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I'm also fighting for economic growth through actions that don't need to be passed by this Congress. That's in the area of regulation. Day by day and rule by rule, we're winning battles for common sense against over-regulation. [Add details of particular interest to grocers and convenience stores.]

But if we're to hone our skills and really compete in the coming years, we've got a lot more to do. I want us to keep our sights on the next American Century.

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Second, we must create a new generation of world-class quality schools -- energized by competition and freedom for parents to choose what schools are best for their kids. \\

Third, we need to make our excellent health care more affordable and more available to Americans -- and the answer lies in markets, not in socialized medicine. \\

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Imagine what we could achieve if we spent as much time helping each other as we do suing each other. \\

And fifth, we must tackle each of these challenges without swelling the bureaucracy -- and without raising taxes. \\ If there is one central conviction that separates you and me from the liberals in Congress, it is this: We believe government is too big -- and it spends too much. \\ \\

On every one of these challenges, there are two opposing camps. One is fighting for reform, the other is defending the status quo. I know I can count on you to fight with me for reform. And we'll tell the people in Congress: Help get this country moving -- or get out of the way. \\

This year must be a watershed. Our most powerful weapon to win victories for our future is the ballot box. It's time for the American people to show the Congress and the bureaucracy who is really the boss. \\

I'll wage a vigorous campaign for the vision and the values

we share. I'll work to earn the people's vote for a second term. And I'll work just as hard to transform the United States Congress. People are filled with righteous anger at the arrogance and the abuses of the Old Guard in Congress. And it's high time you and I had a Congress that shared our belief in meaning and purpose of this great country. \\\

This year we can change Congress. We can elect new people to restore integrity and common sense to Capitol Hill.

In my second term I want to serve four vigorous years. I want to move this country forward -- with members of Congress who truly represent the American people's values and aspirations. And we must fix a congressional system that has fallen out of control. We need to apply to members of Congress all the laws they impose on ^{others} ~~everyone else~~. \\\ We need to reform the campaign funding system that gives unfair advantages to incumbents in Congress: That means eliminate the special interest political action committees -- the PACs. \\\ And we must heed the rising public clamor for change. If term limits are right for the presidency, it's time for term limits for Congress. \\\

Again and again, I've tried to send the message to this Congress to get back in touch with the people. But the liberal majority will not listen.

There are hundreds of you here -- hometown business leaders who are the backbone of your communities. When you speak, your representatives listen -- or at least they go through the motions of listening. Some of you live in states or districts

most harmful

represented by incorrigibly anti-business liberals.

Just after this speech, I understand that all of you are headed up the Hill to visit your Senators and Representatives. I'm asking you to send the anti-business liberals a message.

Just tell them one word: Goodbye. Tell them they've had their last chance -- and now they're serving their last days in Congress.

This will be my final campaign -- and I ^{am} planning to fight as never before. I never dreamed I'd have the privilege of being your President at the great turning point when freedom prevailed over imperial Communism. But I won't rest until I help this country win another legacy. I will fight to elect a Congress that's worthy of the good people of this country.

You can help me. You can help elect a new Congress to work with us -- not against us. You can help lead this country to new heights of freedom and prosperity.

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

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: GROCERS' PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSEMBLY
HYATT REGENCY CAPITOL HILL
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I have a strategy to renew America and keep our country strong in the next century. I proposed a plan to stimulate the economy without raising taxes -- and without increasing the federal deficit. Action to strenghten real estate. Action to

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Our reforms will keep our food supply every bit as safe, but we will reduce the burden and expense of regulation on American consumers -- and on our hard-working food producers and grocers.

\\ If Congress sends me any new legislation that would over-regulate our economy, I'll veto it as soon as it reaches my desk.

Last Friday I directed the Secretary of Labor to implement promptly the Supreme Court's Beck decision. It is just not right to force a worker to have money taken out of his paycheck to finance the campaigns of politicians he opposes. And my Administration is going to uphold these fundamental rights for American workers. Now if we Americans are going to hone our skills and really compete in the coming years, we've got a lot more to do. I want us to keep our sights on the next American Century. When I think of America in the year 2000, I think of the five strategic concerns mentioned in my address to the nation last Friday.

First, we must change and renew our schools. We must become a nation of students educating ourselves throughout our lifetimes in the best system of schools, colleges and universities in the world. This will take revolutionary changes. Most of our states and hundreds of local communities are committed to change. They have joined me already in a commitment we call America 2000. Business as usual will not help us reach our national education goals. We need to get behind world class standards, new curriculum frameworks, break-the-mold schools, voluntary national testing. And a centerpiece of our plan is the belief that

schools will do their best when parents enjoy real freedom and real responsibility to choose their children's schools. School choice for parents is an idea whose time has come. \\
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Second, we need to make our excellent health care more affordable and more available to Americans. We've got the highest quality health care in the world -- but everyone should have access to it. \\
\\ We all know the problems: Too many people don't have health insurance -- and health care costs are going through the roof. We also know that the answer doesn't lie in costly and coercive plans like the scheme to make employers "play or pay." And the answer certainly isn't socialized medicine. \\
\\ Nationalized health care would be a national disaster. \\
\\ The way I've proposed we help our society deal with this is based on markets and choice. Just as in education, vouchers are a key part of my strategy for giving Americans a fairer and more affordable health care system. Our answer is to change our health care system for the better -- not ruin it. \\
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Third, we need to stop the epidemic of lawsuits. \\
\\ Things are so out of hand that some parents refuse to coach Little League for fear of liability suits. Some doctors won't deliver babies anymore because of malpractice suits. \\
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\\ And the costs of liability and litigation on small business are absolutely horrendous. You know, there were 18 million lawsuits filed in America last year. Eighteen million! That's why I've asked

Congress to pass my civil justice reform bill -- which will help people resolve problems through means other than a courtroom. It will help put a stop to frivolous lawsuits and reduce the drag on our economy caused by excessive litigation. \\

Fourth, we must reform government in line with one of America's most important founding principles: strict limits on the size and power of government. With a federal government that gobbles up a quarter of GNP, we can't really say we are as free as we should be. One quarter of all we produce as a nation -- as a people -- goes to pay for the central government. That is just not right. \\ We must fix a congressional system gone out of control. Congress, as an institution controlled by one party -- the Democrats -- for almost 40 years -- desperately needs reform. I'll have more to say about reforming Congress at a later date. But we can start by applying to Congress all the laws they impose on people like you: Civil rights laws, wage and hour laws, fair labor standards, and so forth. \\ We must eliminate the special interest PACs that give unfair advantages to incumbents in Congress. \\ And say yes to the people's call for term limits on Congress. \\ My term is limited -- I believe theirs should be, too. \\

Fifth, we must work to expand our markets. Our future -- the quality of our lives, our standard of living -- is more and more tied to our ability to compete in world markets. I want to open up the exciting market opportunities in Mexico as soon as possible. With nearly 100 million people next door, Mexico is

already one of our best customers, and they'll buy a lot more American goods as soon as these negotiations are concluded. It is one of our fastest growing markets anywhere in the world. And as we complete the North American Free Trade negotiations, we'll continue reach out and capture markets elsewhere in the world. We have a lot at stake in the Uruguay Round of the GATT talks, with more than 100 nations participating. Our exports are on the rise, so the more trade barriers we can knock down the better. We're working hard at that, and I just had a long discussion this weekend with Chancellor Kohl of Germany on the importance of successfully completing the Uruguay Round, and doing it soon. Chancellor Kohl was very supportive, and we'll try to work together in the coming weeks to break some of the roadblocks that have put these negotiations on hold for several months. On a level playing field, I know Americans can out-produce and out-perform anyone, anytime, anywhere. Free trade -- yes -- but it's got to be fair trade. \\

On each of these challenges, there are two roads to take: One is reform, the other protects the status quo.

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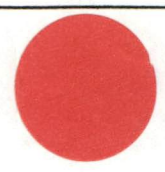
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Please forward your comments directly to Dan McGroarty, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 2:00 TODAY, Monday, March 23, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

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RESPONSE:

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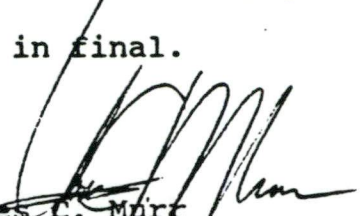
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((When I was at a grocers' convention in Florida recently, the press wondered why I was so impressed with a new check-out scanner I was shown. I'll tell you why. It was so sophisticated, when I ran my hand across it, it predicted the number of electoral votes I'd get in November.))

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I'm here today to ask you to help me change this country -- to make it stronger and better. We've changed the world -- we've won a great victory for world peace and freedom. Just as we'll stay engaged with the world, now it's a top priority that we make things better here at home. Let me tell you what that means: It's a legacy of productive jobs for our citizens, with strong families -- secure in a more peaceful world.

I have a strategy to renew America and keep our country strong in the next century. I proposed a plan to stimulate the economy without raising taxes -- and without increasing the federal deficit. Action to strenghten real estate. Action to

help young families buy that first home -- now. \\ I asked for action to create good jobs. One of those action items was to cut the tax on capital gains. \\

But the majority in Congress could not break their tax-and-spend habits. \\ I asked for action to stimulate this economy - - not stifle it. \\ I asked for a jobs bill -- and they passed a bill to increase income taxes by 90 billion dollars. \\ They turned their backs on first-time homebuyers by failing to enact a \$5,000 tax credit. They ~~rejected~~ ^{watered down my} the investment tax allowance and other reforms to help businesses modernize and compete. They ~~voted to keep our~~ ^{tinkered with the} capital gains tax ^{but if their plan were adopted, the} among the highest in the ^{capital gains tax rate would remain still} developed world. ^{be}

Yes, I was disappointed in the Congress, but frankly not surprised. So last Friday, I vetoed their tax increase. \\

Then, I announced ^c actions I would take on my own to cut the fat out of government and to cut the red tape that chokes our competitive spirit. \\

You and I have business experience: We understand the cost of over-regulation. We know what the tax increase would really do. About ^{eighty percent} ~~two-thirds~~ of the taxpayers ~~who would be subject to~~ ^{revenue ~~is not~~ increase resulting from} the higher rates ^{would come from} ~~are owners~~ of small businesses. More than a million small businesses would be affected -- many of them crippled -- by the Democrats' tax increase. Thousands of family-run grocery and convenience stores are in this category. Small family farms also could face financial ruin from such a tax hike.

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for small family businesses and farms by more than 25 percent.

Just think about the impact of this on your own businesses. The grocery business -- wholesale and retail -- is fiercely competitive. You operate on the thinnest of profit margins -- for wholesalers it's often less than a penny on the dollar.

If you had to face more than a 25 percent increase in the bracket where you pay most of your taxes, how would you cope? You'd feel pressure to cut back on the quality of your service. Competition would press you to hold out as long as possible before passing costs along to your customers -- so you might have to eliminate jobs. Eventually everyone in the business would have to pass the costs along -- and that would fuel inflation.

Those are simple facts of life for people trying to make a living in business.

So last Friday I vetoed their massive tax increase. And I directed the Secretary of Labor to implement promptly the Supreme Court's Beck decision. It is just not right to force a worker to have money taken out of his paycheck to finance the campaigns of politicians he opposes. And my Administration is going to uphold these fundamental rights for American workers.

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government regulation. Day by day, rule by rule, and industry by industry, we're winning battles for common sense against over-regulation. Just last Thursday, for example, my Administration announced reforms on nutrition labelling for meat and poultry. Our reforms will keep our food supply every bit as safe, but we will reduce the burden and expense of regulation on American consumers -- and on our hard-working food producers and grocers. \\ \\ If Congress sends me any new legislation that would over-regulate our economy, I'll veto it as soon as it reaches my desk.

Now if we Americans are going to hone our skills and really compete in the coming years, we've got a lot more to do. I want us to keep our sights on the next American Century. My strategy focuses on five key concerns:

First, we must change and renew our schools. When I think of America in the year 2000, I think of a nation of students educating ourselves throughout our lifetimes in the best system of schools, colleges and universities in the world. This will take revolutionary changes. Most of our states and hundreds of local communities have joined me already in a commitment we call America 2000. Business as usual will not help us reach our national education goals. We need to get behind world class standards, new curriculum frameworks, break-the-mold schools, voluntary national testing. And a centerpiece of our plan is the belief that schools will do their best when parents enjoy real freedom and real responsibility to choose their children's schools. School choice for parents is an idea whose time has

come. \\

Second, we need to make our excellent health care more affordable and more available to Americans. \\ We all know the problems: Too many people don't have health insurance -- and health care costs are going through the roof. We also know that the answer doesn't lie in costly and coercive plans like the scheme to make employers "play or pay." And the answer certainly isn't socialized medicine. \\ Nationalized health care would be a national disaster. \\ The way I've proposed we help our society deal with this is based on markets and choice. Our answer is to change our health care system for the better -- not ruin it. Just as in education, vouchers are a key part of my vision of giving Americans a fairer and more affordable health care system. \\

Third, we need to stop the epidemic of lawsuits. \\ Things are so out of hand that parents refuse to coach Little League for fear of liability suits. Some doctors won't deliver babies anymore because of malpractice suits. \\ Well, just imagine what we could achieve if we spent as much time helping each other as we do suing each other. \\ And the costs of liability and litigation on small business are absolutely horrendous. You know, there were 18 million lawsuits filed in America last year. Eighteen million! That's why I've asked Congress to pass my civil justice reform bill -- which will help people resolve problems without needless lawsuits. \\

Fourth, we must reform government in line with one of

America's most important founding principles: strict limits on the size and power of government. With a federal government that now gobbles up a quarter of GNP, we can't really say we are as free as we should be. We must fix a congressional system gone out of control. Let's apply to Congress all the laws they impose on people like you: Civil rights laws, the minimum wage, fair labor standards, and so forth. \\ And let's eliminate the special interest PACs that give unfair advantages to incumbents in Congress. \\ And say yes to the people's call for term limits on Congress. \\ My term is limited -- theirs should be, too. \\

Fifth, we must work to expand our markets. I want to open up the exciting market opportunities in Mexico as soon as possible. As we work for the North American Free Trade Agreement, I'm also making progress advancing my vision of open trade and rising investment throughout the entire Western Hemisphere. [placeholder for insert from Clayton Yeutter on Kohl meeting and GATT]. With open markets and a level playing field, I know Americans can out-produce and out-perform anyone, anytime, anywhere. \\

On each of these challenges, there are two roads to take: One is reform, the other protects the status quo.

You and I are gathered on Capitol Hill today because we share a common purpose. We're here in the neighborhood of a Congress that fails to heed calls for reform, that fails to pass a simple plan to help create jobs and build confidence. We're not simply going to complain about the Congress -- we're going to

change the Congress. \\ Whoever can't help get this country moving -- can get out of the way. \\

There are hundreds of you here -- hometown business leaders who are the backbone of your communities. Just after this speech, I understand that all of you are headed up the Hill to visit your Senators and Representatives. I hope you'll pass along my warmest thanks to those who supported our economic growth plan. But for any of those members of Congress who happen to be part of the crowd that's trying to stifle the economy while squeezing more taxes out of working Americans, I'd like you to send them this message: Goodbye.

This will be my final campaign -- and I plan to fight as never before. I never dreamed I'd have the privilege of being your President at the great turning point when freedom prevailed over imperial Communism. But I won't rest until I help this country win another legacy.

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I'm here today to ask you to do something for our country.

This year's national elections are historic -- they are the first
since the end of the Cold War. We've changed the world -- we've
won a great victory for world peace and freedom. We ^{will} stay
engaged with the world. But ~~now it's a top priority that we set~~
some things ^{straight} right here at home.

Let's begin with the United States Congress. \\ This year,
let's show that the people are sovereign. Let's not just
complain about Congress -- let's transform it. \\ Let's replace
the liberal ruling class with common-sense people who share our
values. \\

(as written)
I think this makes sense of us just suddenly making "home" a priority.

The Old Guard that rules Congress has fallen out of touch and out of control. Congress is the number one obstacle to moving this country forward. And it's time to change its leadership. \\

Think of how the Democratic majority in Congress responded when I asked them to do what's right for our economy:

They turned their back on first-time homebuyers by failing to enact a \$5,000 tax credit.

They rejected the investment tax allowance and other reforms that could help businesses modernize with new equipment. They turned down my plan to allow \$10 billion more in cash flow for companies that create many of the jobs in this country.

They voted to keep our capital gains tax among the highest in the developed world. For purely partisan reasons, they refused to pass my proposal to cut those steep taxes on investment and job creation.

My State of the Union proposals offered those and other incentives for growth without raising taxes -- and without increasing the federal deficit. And I gave Congress fair warning: If it sent me a bill raising taxes, I'd send it back with my veto. And that's exactly what I did last Friday. \\

I asked for action to stimulate this economy -- not stifle it. \\ I members of Congress to asked them to break their tax-and-spend habits -- but they couldn't do it. \\ I asked for a jobs bill -- and they passed a bill to increase income taxes by 90 billion dollars. \\

They broke their trust with the American people -- and I kept my promise: I vetoed their tax increase. \\\

The Democrats' attempts to explain their actions prove how far removed they are from the real people who make this country work. Here are the exact words of the House Democrat who sponsored the tax increase: "The richest 1 percent of all Americans will pay more. We will have returned to the time-honored tradition of taxing people on their ability to pay."

They want us to think no one really would suffer from such a massive tax increase. They want us to think all their targets are so "rich" they would never feel the pinch.

Anyone who believes that is dangerously out of touch. \\\ You and I have business experience: We know what the tax increase would really do. About two-thirds of the taxpayers who would be subject to the higher rates are owners of small businesses. More than a million small businesses would be affected -- many of them crippled -- by the Democrats' tax increase. Thousands of family-run grocery and convenience stores are in this category. Small family farms also could face financial ruin from such a tax hike. *The same with local auto body shops, dry cleaners, and many other small businesses.* The bill I've just vetoed tried to raise the marginal rate for small family businesses and farms by a full 25 percent.

Just think about the impact of this on your own businesses. The grocery business -- wholesale and retail -- is fiercely competitive. You operate on the thinnest of profit margins --- for wholesalers it's often less than a penny on the dollar.

If you had to face a 25 percent increase in the bracket where you pay most of your taxes, how would you cope? You'd feel pressure to cut back on the quality of your service -- that costs money, after all. You'd feel competitive pressure to hold out as long as possible before passing costs along to your customers -- so you would be pressed to eliminate jobs. Eventually everyone in the business would have to pass the costs along -- and that would fuel inflation. The tax-hungry Democrats' triple play would give us poorer service, fewer jobs, and more inflation.

Those are the simple facts of life for people trying to make a living in business. But the arrogant politicians who call the shots in Congress just don't get it. And this President has run out of patience.

Last Friday I sent Congress my first line-item recissions. This action will hold Congress to account as I seek to cut \$4 billion in wasteful spending. And it will bring us a step closer to the power that 43 governors have -- the line-item veto. \\
Look, I'm not going to tell you that the line item recissions will cure Congress's spending habits. But it will help to expose an attitude that says business as usual just will not be accepted.

I'm also fighting for economic growth through actions that don't need to be passed by this Congress. That's in the area of regulation. Day by day and rule by rule, we're winning battles for common sense against over-regulation. [Add details of particular interest to grocers and convenience stores.]

But if we're to hone our skills and really compete in the coming years, we've got a lot more to do. I want us to keep our sights on the next American Century.

First, we must work to expand our markets. I want to open

up markets in Mexico, throughout Latin America, and around the world. \\\

Second, we must create a new generation of world-class quality schools -- energized by competition and freedom for parents to choose what schools are best for their kids. \\\

Third, we need to make our excellent health care more affordable and more available to Americans -- and the answer lies in markets, not in socialized medicine. \\\

Fourth, we need to stop the epidemic of lawsuits. \\\
Imagine what we could achieve if we spent as much time helping each other as we do suing each other. \\\

And fifth, we must tackle each of these challenges without swelling the bureaucracy -- and without raising taxes. \\\ If there is one central conviction that separates you and me from the liberals in Congress, it is this: We believe government is too big -- and it spends too much. \\\

On every one of these challenges, there are two opposing camps. One is fighting for reform, the other is defending the status quo. I know I can count on you to fight with me for reform. And we'll tell the people in Congress: Help get this country moving -- or get out of the way. \\\

This year must be a watershed. Our most powerful weapon to win victories for our future is the ballot box. It's time for the American people to show the Congress and the bureaucracy who is really the boss. \\\

I'll wage a vigorous campaign for the vision and the values

we share. I'll work to earn the people's vote for a second term. And I'll work just as hard to transform the United States Congress. People are filled with righteous anger at the arrogance and the abuses of the Old Guard in Congress. And it's high time you and I had a Congress that shared our belief in meaning and purpose of this great country. \\

This year we can change Congress. We can elect new people to restore integrity and common sense to Capitol Hill.

In my second term I want to serve four vigorous years. I want to move this country forward -- with members of Congress who truly represent the American people's values and aspirations. And we must fix a congressional system that has fallen out of control. We need to apply to members of Congress all the laws they impose on everyone else. \\
 We need to reform the campaign funding system that gives unfair advantages to incumbents in Congress: That means eliminate the special interest political action committees -- the PACs. \\
 And we must heed the rising public clamor for change. If term limits are right for the presidency, it's time for term limits for Congress. \\\

Again and again, I've tried to send the message to this Congress to get back in touch with the people. But the liberal majority will not listen.

There are hundreds of you here -- hometown business leaders who are the backbone of your communities. When you speak, your representatives listen -- or at least they go through the motions of listening. Some of you live in states or districts

represented by incorrigibly anti-business liberals.

Just after this speech, I understand that all of you are headed up the Hill to visit your Senators and Representatives. I'm asking you to send the anti-business liberals a message.

Just tell them one word: Goodbye. Tell them they've had their last chance -- and now they're serving their last days in Congress.

This will be my final campaign -- and I planning to fight as never before. I never dreamed I'd have the privilege of being your President at the great turning point when freedom prevailed over imperial Communism. But I won't rest until I help this country win another legacy. I will fight to elect a Congress that's worthy of the good people of this country.

You can help me. You can help elect a new Congress to work with us -- not against us. You can help lead this country to new heights of freedom and prosperity.

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

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