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Dear Mr. President:

I applaud you long and loud for your reaction to the Supreme Court ruling which permits the burning of the banner you so proudly hail to the world.

Be assured, Sir, I march in your parade with millions of our fellow countrymen and women who are outraged at the behavior of those to whom our flag in flames receive the benediction of the First Amendment behind which too many have hidden for too long.

And I must add that if torching the ultimate symbol of decency and freedom in the world is our generation's expression of freedom of speech then surely the matter now rejected by the Court must enter the legislative arena where this monumental wrong must be righted.

I urge you to be the Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln of our time and continue speaking out as I feel they would have spoken out had such an insult been legalized in their occupancy of what is now your office.

God bless you and your Barbara. The mountains you climb are taller than ours. We know that. We also know our faith in you extends from the East to the West and that our dreams and hopes are in safe hands. You have, as always, my prayers.

Respectfully,

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