April 17, 1981

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Miss Darlene Burk
President
Boulder City Chamber of Commerce
1497 Nevada Highway
Boulder City, Nevada 89005

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Support for Economic Recovery
April 10, 1981

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President, United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Reagan,

The Boulder City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, in its meeting on April 8, 1981, formally endorses the proposed objectives of your economic program on behalf of our business community. We believe that it truly is the important first step towards "Rebuilding America in the '80's.".

We look forward to adoption of the program and wish you and your cabinet every success in turning the economy around.

Sincerely,

Darlene Burk, President
Boulder City Chamber of Commerce

cc: Senator Howard Cannon
    Senator Paul Laxalt
    Congressman James Santini
April 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Starrs:

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Mr. Thomas L. Starrs
President
Association of Reserve City Bankers
135 South LaSalle Street
Chicago, Illinois 60603

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April 10, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to report to you that the Board of Directors of the Association of Reserve City Bankers, meeting on April 5, adopted a resolution endorsing fully your economic program and urging the members of the Association to provide active support for the enactment of its programs into law. This resolution was subsequently shared with the members of the Association, who gave it a warm reception.

The Association of Reserve City Bankers' 400 members are drawn from the executive management of 160 of the country's largest banks. I believe that their support can be meaningful to you.

Secretary of the Treasury Regan addressed our meeting on this same day. He is a forceful and persuasive spokesman for your Administration. Comments by our members reflected great satisfaction in your selection of this outstanding financial executive as the Secretary.

I know that I speak for the members of the Association in expressing our thankfulness at your recent escape from harm and our gratitude for your willingness to accept the principal leadership role in our country.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas I. Storrs
April 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Sheehan,

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RONALD REAGAN

Mr. John F. Sheehan, Jr.
Executive Director
Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18701

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

My Dear Mr. President:

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce endorsed your four-part A Program for Economic Recovery at its March 27 Board of Directors Meeting.

We have sent letters to our Senators and Representatives encouraging them to support your economic proposals.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Sincerely,

John F. Sheehan, Jr.  
Executive Director

JFSJr./mh
April 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Streges:

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Mr. Steven D. Streges
Executive Vice President
North Dakota Grain Dealers Association
212 Black Building
Fargo, North Dakota 58102

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April 8, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The North Dakota Grain Dealers Association represents the interests of the 600 private and cooperative country elevators of our state. These firms are the first link in bringing the bountiful harvests of our farmers to a hungry world.

This Association's Board of Directors has endorsed your plan for economic recovery through the enclosed resolution. We know you will find it to your liking.

Also enclosed for your reference are letters to our state's Congressional delegation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Strege, 
Executive Vice President

CC: U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Enclosures
WHEREAS the growth of the federal government, increased deficit spending, and excessive taxation have led the United States to the brink of economic calamity, and

WHEREAS the American people have expressed their will, in the November 1980 elections, to have the scope and costs of government vastly reduced, and

WHEREAS President Reagan has proposed a comprehensive program to reduce the growth of government spending and the proliferation of federal regulations, coupled with individual and business tax reductions and

WHEREAS immediate action by the Congress is necessary to deal with this situation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Grain Dealers Association endorses, in total, President Reagan’s economic program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Dakota Grain Dealers Association urges immediate Congressional approval of this economic program.

Approved this 4th day of April 1981 at Carrington, No.Dak.

Steven D. Strege,
Executive Vice President &
Secretary - Treasurer
North Dakota Grain Dealers Association
April 8, 1981

The Honorable Quentin Burdick
Senator for North Dakota
451 Russell Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Burdick,

Francis Bacon is credited with saying, "He that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils." Are we not compelled to apply some new remedies at this stage in our nation's history?

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A new direction needs to be taken. This Association's Directors feel Mr. Reagan's program is the vehicle for that new direction. The enclosed resolution speaks for itself and comes from a Board representing over 80% of the cooperative and private elevator trade of North Dakota.

We urge you to lay aside partisan considerations and personal preferences for certain programs. An across-the-board belt-tightening is required for the national interest - - - indeed its survival.

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Enclosure
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NORTH DAKOTA GRAIN DEALERS ASSN.

Steven D. Strege,
Executive Vice President

CC: President Ronald Reagan
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Enclosure
April 8, 1981

The Honorable Byron L. Dorgan
Congressman for North Dakota
427 Cannon Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

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CC: President Reagan
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Enclosure
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RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Jim L. Herrin
Senior Vice President
The First National Bank
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701

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Support for Economic Recovery
President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Reagan:

Your economic plans and cuts in the National Budget meets with my wholehearted approval.

I just hope the Congress gives the necessary support to see your plan through to a balanced budget.

Best wishes for a quick and total recovery.

Sincerely,

J. L. Herrin

CC: Rep. Hammerschmidt
    Sen. Bumpers
    Sen. Pryor
April 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Scott

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RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Richard Scott
Mayer Pro-Tem
City of Pasadena
Pasadena, Texas 77501

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April 9, 1981

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of The United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

I wanted to once again let you know I support the Economic Program which you have presented to our country.

I as Mayor Pro-Tem of 130,000 residents of the City of Pasadena, Texas know the importance of budget control. You are to be commended for setting up and presenting such a program.

I will express my support to those I come in contact with and together with others who feel the great need of this control, will help see the program succeed.

From this City to yours, we wish you the best of luck and as always our prayers are continually with you and our country. God bless America.

Very truly yours,

Richard Scott
Mayor Pro-Tem

RS/ el

Industrial Center of the Southwest
April 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Wilde

Thank you for your message and for what you had to say about our economic program. I know we can't make things right overnight, but I believe that our program offers an opportunity to end this inflation, to get us back into productivity again, to put our people back to work and to let our people keep more of the money they earn.

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RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Darrell E. Wilde
Vice President, Administration
Universal Foods Corporation
433 East Michigan Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201

Support for the President's Economic Program.

810421
March 27, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

The attached letter, which has been sent to all the Senators and Representatives in those areas where we have facilities, has been sent as an indication of our support of your spending and tax cut program.

We at Universal Foods Corporation urge you to stand fast in your determination to turn the economy around by reducing the role of government and increasing reliance on the private enterprise system.

Cordially,

Darrell E. Wilde
Vice President Administration

DEW/bp

Attachments
March 27, 1981

The Honorable
Henry S. Reuss
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Reuss:

On behalf of Universal Foods Corporation, a Milwaukee-based company with facilities located in your district, I am writing to ask that you and your colleagues support the reconciliation measure, which would expedite the President's budget cuts, when it reaches the House.

The Reagan economic program, if enacted promptly by Congress, would reduce inflation; reduce the burden on the American taxpayers; reduce the regulatory burden imposed by federal bureaucracy; and, reduce the size and role of the federal establishment. It is imperative, therefore, that you support the President's total program--both spending and tax cuts--while resisting the special interest groups trying to preserve their pet programs.

The future welfare of our country is dependent on the success of this program. We are willing to do our share, and we expect others to do the same.

Any effort you may extend will be appreciated.

Cordially,

Darrell E. Wilde
Vice President Administration

DEW/bp
March 27, 1981

The Honorable
Robert W. Kasten, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kasten:

On behalf of Universal Foods Corporation, a Milwaukee-based company with facilities located in Wisconsin, I am writing to ask that you and your colleagues support the reconciliation measure (S. Con. Res. 9) which would expedite the President's budget cuts.

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RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Thomas E. Johnson
President
Warren Industries, Inc.
6003 Falcon Road
Rockford, Illinois 61109

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Support for the President's Economic Program.
April 10, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan,

This letter is to let you know my feeling is affirmative toward the economic program proposed by you.

This country has got to bite the bullet at some point to get our industrial sector back to a dominant force once again. Government spending, tax cuts, investment incentives; etc., all play a vital role to accomplish this end. I'm sure it's not a painless solution but it has to be implemented to provide long-term solutions to our dilemma.

Special interest groups must be resisted if their programs are not beneficial to the overall goals outlined by your proposals.

I think my position is reflected by the majority of concerned business people, and I urge you to let me know how you personally feel and what you hear from your constituents.

Very truly yours,

WARREN INDUSTRIES, INC.

THOMAS E. JOHNSON
President

TEJ/km
April 17, 1981

Dear Miss Bayles:

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RONALD REAGAN

Miss Peggy H. Bayle
164 Regency Fashion Court
Omaha, Nebraska 68114

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Support for the President's Economic Program.
March 27, 1981

President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear President Reagan:

I own a furniture store and accessory shop in Omaha, Nebraska. I am a big fan of yours and I'm very enthused about your plan to put our country back on top where it should be.

I received a letter from the President of Drexel Heritage furniture company, for whom I am a dealer. I was so impressed by what it had to say, that I had 100 copies made of it and have handed them out to my customers. They, too, have been impressed. I thought you would also like to have a copy, which is enclosed.

I wrote Mr. Haworth and thanked him for his inspiring message. His letter proved to me that one person can do something to help. We are all going to do as Mr. Haworth suggests, and get behind this program by writing our Congressmen.

Our hopes and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,

Peggy H. Boyle

Enclosure - 1
March 13, 1981

To: All Drexel Heritage Dealers

Dear Friend and Customer:

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Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Haworth

Howard H. Haworth
Drexel Heritage Furnishings Inc.
President
Drexel, North Carolina 28619
Telephone 704 433 3641

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RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Norwood Jackson
Mr. Andrew Atesup
Jackson County Chamber of Commerce
Post Office Box 130
Marianna, Florida 32446
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Support for the President's Economic Program
April 9, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Greetings from Jackson County, Florida!

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce speaks for the citizens of Jackson County in saying how grateful and thankful we are that you are making a full recovery from the dreadful experience of Monday, March 30, 1981.

Mr. President, we want you to know that we are confident that this nation has the best possible leadership available in the world today, and we have confidence that with the cooperation of the citizens of this great nation, from government officials to persons of humblest estate and with the wisdom and help of Almighty God, this nation can and will, indeed, be healed of the diseases which have threatened to destroy us from within as well as those from without.

We at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce assure you, first, that we support your program for economic recovery, and further that we will do everything in our power, through the Chamber and every facet of business, industry, clubs and organizations, and churches to touch every life we can, and encourage all to 'tighten the belt' and cooperate in the great national effort to maintain and sustain the image the United States of America has been known for, that being, One Nation Under God, Indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Very respectfully yours,

Norwood Jackson
President & Executive Officer
Jackson County Chamber of Commerce

Andrew Alsup
Chairman of the Board
April 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Kaptis:

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RONALD REAGAN

Mr. William H. Kaptis
The Kaptis Organization
8180 Brecksville Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44141

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April 13, 1981

President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

The attached letter was sent out to the following Senators and Congressmen listed below, urging them to back your proposed economic package.

Senator John H. Glenn
Senator Howard Metzenbaum
The Honorable John M. Ashbrook
The Honorable John F. Seiberling
The Honorable Ronald M. Mottl
The Honorable Dennis E. Eckart

Warmest personal regards,

William H. Koptis, CLU

WHK/mo
Att.
April 10, 1981

As a believer in the free enterprise system, I urge you and the congress to move forward on President Reagan's proposed economic package at once.

Having been exposed the past years to the workings within the Washington scene, I have great concern that many politicians will seek to delay, destroy the program, and neutralize any action. Inflation is our common enemy and it is not a partisan issue. We need change in our country and it will not be easy as a nation to accomplish. As I look toward a trillion dollar deficit, I know it will take fortitude on the part of my congressmen to change this trend. Our country has the dangerous philosophy of the right of entitlement in all levels. It is the responsibility of all of us to help others to help themselves. I believe productivity creates jobs to help people, not government programs.

I feel very strongly about cutting back on so many regulatory bureaus. In many cases, they are counter-productive. My firm's involvement in ERISA, since 1974, is a good example. In the pre-ERISA days, for every plan terminated, there were fourteen new plans established. Recently, those figures are approximately one termination for every two plans established. Social security has literally become a disgrace to actuaries planning retirement benefits, and ERISA put more burden on that system.

Please accept this letter in the spirit it is intended. I believe in the small businessman's ability, if given incentives, to be the most productive in the world. He and his employees can change our course.

I believe this is not the time to be timid, but it is the time to get the government back to the people. I am prepared to back you in this effort, as I believe the people truly spoke for change in November 1980.

It took years to get into debt this deeply and it will take years to get out. It will test your patience, your integrity, your fortitude, and your resolve; for we are dealing with issues not just for us, but rather for our children and their children.

To turn the tide could be one of America's finest hours in our history. Will we take that stand or will we go back to business as usual?

Sincerely yours,

WHK/mo

William H. Koptis, CLU
April 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Keys,

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. K. Key
Route 1, Box 221
Brierfield, Alabama 35035

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P-22

Support for the President's Economic Program
Mr. President,

Stick to what you said in spite of all the flack you are gonna get from the free loaders.

Take care of the elderly. The retarded. The Terminally ill and let America get off its ass and earn their own way.

I'm a 64 year old owner of private employment agencies for 36 years. There are plenty of people out there for people who want to work. I can't control my law firm I wrote Defense Tandem because I failed and left my firm. I see these people who don't have to pay me.

Please hang in there. You are our last hope!!!

I think you're brilliant to go home whilst your able to go. Handsome as the heck.

Brierfield Als 35035

21 Bay 261
April 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Dunham,

Thank you for your message and for what you had to say about our economic program. I know we can't make things right overnight, but I believe that our program offers an opportunity to end this inflation, to get us back into productivity again, to put our people back to work and to let our people keep more of the money they earn.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Arthur Dunham
Route 1, Box 178
Mt. Dora, Florida 32757
President Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:-

WE ARE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY.

Now that pressure begins to build by vested interests we want you to know there are many of us who have faith and confidence in you and your efforts. We would like to share your burden but the least we can do is express our desire to help.

My wife has been confined to a wheelchair for the past 30 years and will be for life. I am a retired teacher with a dependable income of $405/mo. (after 34 years service) + $347 Soc. Sec. but would gladly and uncomplainingly accept a cut in even this modest amount if it were done equitably. We began life "dirt" poor but never stooped to welfare nor did we ever expect something for other than hard work and careful management. Our four children are college graduates earned and paid for by us. As we have made it in this land of opportunity, others can too.

I never complain of paying our taxes but it galls me to see the wanton waste made of so much of my hard earned efforts. Until your election we had about given up hope entirely for our nation. We have had a reprieve and pray that your program, your philosophy, and good common sense will prevail.

If it were possible we would share your great burden but want you to know we support you in every way possible. Carry your fight to the people via fireside chats and tell us what you want us to do. This may be our last desperate chance to bring order out of chaos that has been building for the past 50 years.

God bless you Mr. President.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Rt. 1 - Box 178
Mt. Dora, Fl. 32757
3/2/81
April 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Brandt:

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. W. Calvert Brand
Chairman
Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce
Post Office Box 29
Columbus, Indiana 47201

Support for the President's Economic Program & wishes for a speedy recovery.
RE: Economic program; thank for encouragement

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
March 13, 1981

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Sincerely,

/s/

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April 1, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Reagan:

Enclosed are copies of letters to our Congressional representatives on the proposals your Administration has advanced to deal with America's economic problems, together with a text of the Chamber Board's position on the issue.

We will help in whatever way we can to bring these overriding concerns to a successful conclusion.

Our prayers and most sincere wishes are for you to have a total and speedy recovery.

Cordially yours,

W. Calvert Brand
Chairman

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cc: Richard Lesher
Chamber of Commerce of the U.S.

Bob Van Ausdall
Chamber of Commerce of the U.S.
Oakbrook, IL Office
April 1, 1981

The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2187 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC  20515

Dear Lee:

Enclosed is a text of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce's statement on the spending restraint and tax issues now pending before Congress. These are vital issues, and we wholeheartedly commend the Administration and Congress for squarely addressing them.

Our Board representing the business community is totally committed to bear its full share of the responsibility in assuring that Americans work together to resolve their economic problems.

Lee, both our Government Affairs Committee and the Board of Directors voted unanimously in support of the enclosed position statement. Please let me know if we can be helpful in any other way concerning this important matter.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

W. Calvert Brand  
Chairman
April 1, 1981

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
U.S. Senator for Indiana
5107 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Dick:

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Dick, I am happy to report to you that there is strong support in our community for the President's program. Good luck to you in your work to assure its success.

Cordially yours,

W. Calvert Brand
Chairman

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April 1, 1981

The Honorable Dan Quayle
U.S. Senator for Indiana
359 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Dan:

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W. Calvert Brand
Chairman

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PROPOSED STATEMENT ON ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC PROPOSALS

The Board of Directors of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the Administration and Congress to address the critical problems of persistent inflation and sluggish economic growth. These are primary national concerns, and they must be resolved.

Although they are not the only cause of our serious economic problems, the federal government's taxation, spending and regulatory policies have been contributing factors, and Americans have insisted on more realistic policies from Washington. Previous administrations and congresses have wrestled with these combined issues without much success. Spending restraint, in particular, has been held hostage by a myriad of special interests from all walks of American life, including business. For the combination of tax changes, spending restraint and regulatory reforms to succeed, all Americans and their organizations must share in both the rewards and the sacrifices.

The federal government is the sum of the people. Ultimately, it will do what the people want. If once again the government fails to enact significant tax, spending and regulatory reforms, it will be because we have let our individual interests rise above our nation's overall interest.

The issues involved are more significant than the individual causes of special groups. If these issues are truly important, and if actions are more important than words, then business will bear its share without complaint. The chamber's board will support the process to a successful conclusion. This time, our nation must not fail.
April 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Stroh:

Thank you for your message and for what you had to say about our economic program. I know we can't make things right overnight, but I believe that our program offers an opportunity to end this inflation, to get us back into productivity again, to put our people back to work and to let our people keep more of the money they earn.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Charles R. Stroh
President
Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce
500 North Walnut Street
Muncie, Indiana 47305

Supports the President's Economic Program, and sends wishes for speedy recovery.
Dear /s/

Thank you for your message and for what you had to say about our economic program. I know we can't make things right overnight, but I believe that our program offers an opportunity to end this inflation, to get us back into productivity again, to put our people back to work and to let our people keep more of the money they earn.

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(3/12/81)
April 2, 1981

Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

Along with the nation as a whole we were distressed about the recent shooting of yourself and three other individuals in Washington. Please be assured that a lot of people are praying for your and the others speedy recoveries.

We would also like you to know that the Board of Directors of the Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce has unanimously endorsed your economic recovery program. We have communicated this action by our Board of Directors to Senators Richard Lugar and Dan Quayle and 10th District Representative Phil Sharp and asked them to do whatever they can to assist in the implementation of this vital program for the country.

We wish you well, Mr. President.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Stroh, CCE
President

CRS:sc
April 17, 1981

Dear Mr. Goeden:

Thank you for your message and for what you had to say about our economic program. I know we can't make things right overnight, but I believe that our program offers an opportunity to end this inflation, to get us back into productivity again, to put our people back to work and to let our people keep more of the money they earn.

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RONALD REAGAN

Mr. James P. Goeden
President
Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce
Perpetual Building
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

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Support for the President's Economic Program
April 7, 1981

Dear President Reagan:

We have enclosed copies of the Chamber's positions on: reconciliation; your tax reduction proposals; budget cuts in the CETA program; and regulatory reform. These positions have been sent to Senator Paul Sarbanes, Senator Charles Mathias and Congressman Michael Barnes.

We thank you for your efforts to revitalize our economy and reduce government spending. We stand ready to aid the implementation of the programs you have suggested in any way we can.

Sincerely,

James P. Goeden
President

Enclosure

The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500
April 7, 1981

RECONCILIATION

We urge Congress to expedite the reconciliation process. We urge the Senate to pass Senate Concurrent Resolution 9 by Senators Domenici and Hollings and we urge the House to pass a similar measure. We believe that expediting this process will help assure that the budget proposals of the President are not fragmented. We believe it is most important to keep our eye on the goals mandated in the 1980 elections of reducing federal government spending and taxes and avoid a temptation to spare pet projects of Congressmen.

TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

The Chamber urges Congress to pass the Economic Recovery Tax Act (HR 2400 & S 683) intact. We believe that both of the proposals for business and personal tax cuts would spur currently lagging personal savings and give industry needed incentive to use newly available capital to make economy-stimulating, productivity-improving and job-creating investments. We also urge you to support an effective date for the business tax cuts of January 1, 1981 and an effective date for the individual tax cuts of July 1, 1981 in order to spur capital formation immediately.

We urge you to avoid income redistribution proposals that would reduce the capital formation advantages of the proposal. Currently the bottom 46% of the taxpayers pay only 4% of all income taxes.

The Chamber believes that President Reagan's package of business and individual tax cuts would increase both supply and demand for labor, greatly increase needed investment and savings and encourage the capital formation that is desperately needed to revitalize America.

CETA FUNDING

The Chamber endorses the President's freeze in the public service employment program of CETA. We urge Congress to make that freeze permanent by cutting CETA funds by $865 million in this calendar year.
and $3 billion next year. This program has done very little to create jobs in the private sector. Less than one-third of the PSE participants have found employment in the private sector after leaving their subsidized jobs. In reality, all the CETA program has accomplished is to encourage local governments to expand programs because of the availability of cheap labor. We urge Congress to end this wasteful program as soon as possible.

REGULATORY REFORM

The Chamber endorses the steps that have been taken by President Reagan. We have faith that the Task Force on Regulatory Relief created by the President and chaired by Vice President Bush will take steps to reduce the strangle hold the regulatory agencies have placed on productivity and consequently the economy.

We also endorse most provisions of the omnibus regulatory reform bill (HR 746) by Congressman Danielson. We have reservations about the Congressional veto provision of this bill. It is possible that it could open up constitutional questions that would delay implementation of other important features of the bill. Regulatory reform is a major element in economic recovery and an increase in productivity. We urge you to give it your careful consideration.

Stacy Williams-GEICO
Chairman