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### NEWS RELEASE

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REMARKS BY GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN

POLISH AMERICAN LEAGUE OF PENNSYLVANIA

TREVOSE (PHILADELPHIA), PENNSYLVANIA

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First, let me say that I've been reading the sports pages lately, and I just want you to know that I'm glad to be here where the names Luzinski and Jaworski mean victory. They've been giving some good lessons in winning, and I'm hoping it's contagious.

As this presidential campaign enters its last month, I continue to see all across this country a yearning for a message of hope based on the values of family, neighborhood, work, peace and freedom.

That message lies at the heart of the Polish community. Polonia knows that this nation was built on these values.

When John Paul II visited our country, he said: "When the value of the family is threatened because of social and economic pressures, we will stand up and reaffirm that the family is necessary not only for the private good of every person, but also for the common good of every society, nation and state."

Today, the value of every family is under attack by the terrible economic policies which have caused massive unemployment, the highest interest rates since the Civil War, and prices which have turned simple shopping trips into an oppressive burden.

These policies are directly hurting the family in America. They are hurting parents and children. They are hurting older Americans on fixed incomes. They are plaguing those critical first years of young married couples striving to get ahead.

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Today, in the spirit of John Paul II, I reaffirm to you my pledge to fight for the family, and if in the White House, I'll do all I can to see that the common good is once more the true goal of decision-making.

The first thing we must do is restore economic common sense so that once again we will have the strongest economy in the world.

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And I know this--those men of great vision and courage would not blame their problems on the so-called "malaise" of their people. They would not have us believe that in order to move ahead in this world, we must cut back and limit our future.

Those of Polish ancestry know not only how to defend freedom, but how to build it. The Polish-American community in America has never asked their country what it could do for them. Rather, you have worked and saved and built strong neighborhoods so that you could do something for America.

You have always taken solemnly your duty to see to it that your children are taught the values that give life meaning. But even that great effort is threatened by Mr. Carter's refusal to support tuition tax credits as he promised he would in 1976.

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