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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

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JOE D. WAGGONNER, JR.
4TH DISTRICT, LOUISIANA

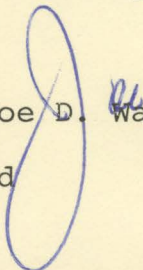
Dear Mr. President,

When I think back over my fifteen years in the Congress, a few individuals stand out in my mind. In each and every instance, the name "Jerry Ford" immediately pops into my mind; and Mr. President, I mean that from the very bottom of my heart.

Our long association has meant a great deal to me, and my respect and admiration for you has increased with each passing day. We've been through a lot together. We were usually on the same side of the fence; and even when we weren't, I knew and understood why you stood where you did. Those times were few, but I respected and appreciated your position as much then as when we joined forces in the fight.

When I testified during committee consideration of your Vice-Presidential nomination, I struggled with my remarks in a futile effort to put down in words what kind of man Jerry Ford was. I found it to be an impossible task at that time, so I'll not attempt it again. I'll just take it from there and say, "You're my kind of President, Mr. President!" You can count on me in the future, and I sincerely hope we will continue to share the friendship that has developed over the past fifteen years. May the future hold nothing but happiness for you and your fine family.

Sincerely yours,


Joe D. Waggonner, Jr.

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
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