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OFFICE OF
GERALD R. FORD

January 16, 1978

Dear:

Thank you, on behalf of Mrs. Ford, for your recent letter regarding the Equal Rights Amendment and her support of it.

Mrs. Ford wants you to know how much she appreciates your taking time to write and share some of your views with her. It is always helpful to her when people write candidly and frankly about matters which concern them.

Although the controversial questions surrounding the ERA elicit many conflicting and emotional viewpoints, it is her hope that compassion, and not condemnation, will be the standard sought and maintained by everyone with regard to the complex issues involved.

Thank you for the benefit of your comments on this subject, and please know of Mrs. Ford's warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Caroline Coventry
Staff Assistant
to President Ford

XXXX
XXXX
XXXX



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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A



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 6, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your thoughtful comments in support of "freedom of choice" with regard to abortion.

I continue to feel that this is a personal rather than a political issue and am grateful for your kindness in writing to share your insight.

Compassion should always guide us in making judgments about others, and I hope compassion, not condemnation, will be a standard for both sides in this complex issue.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 28, 1976

Dear Friends,

*It was a special pleasure to learn of the _____
of the _____ of the American Cancer Society.*

*I am grateful for the opportunity to join in
expressing the hope that your drive will be
most successful and that your involvement in
this selfless undertaking will be a very
rewarding experience for each of you.*

*With warm good wishes,**Sincerely,*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1975

Dear ,

How very kind of you to write expressing concern for the President. Our family deeply appreciates your thoughtfulness. We are grateful not only for the safety of the President, but we also have special gratitude for the many fine persons like you who took the time to convey their feelings.

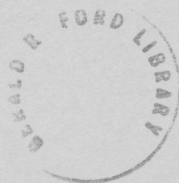
It is most encouraging to the President and me to know of your confidence.

Thank you very much for your letter, you have my appreciation and best wishes.

Sincerely,



B



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

(Insert if necessary:)

1976 can be an old-fashioned celebration of the heart, if each American pauses to reflect on the meaning of freedom. More than parades, and I hope there are many, and more than pilgrimages to the scenes of the past, this 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence should be celebrated by savoring our freedoms.

We enjoy so many freedoms. We may worship as we choose. We decide where we live and where we work. We are free to express ourselves politically and artistically. But, best of all, we have the freedom to dream and to follow those dreams.

With best wishes for a meaningful, personal celebration and high hopes for the next 200 years.

(To be done on Betty Ford Paper)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 25, 1976

Dear ,

The President and I wish to thank you very much for your kindness in sending a remembrance of our Nation's 200th year of independence.

Your patriotic interest in the future of the United States is certainly our best promise for tomorrow.

With appreciation and all good wishes,

Sincerely,



#77 BF BIRTHDAY 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 7, 1976

Dear ,

How very thoughtful of you to remember my birthday with such a lovely message.

I truly appreciate your good wishes and want you to know that your special kindness added to the happiness of my day!

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 10, 1976

Dear ,

How very thoughtful of you to remember my birthday with such a lovely message.

I truly appreciate your good wishes and want you to know that your special kindness added to the happiness of my day.

I was pleased to learn that you and I share the same birthday and send my belated wishes as well as the President's and my gratitude for your support.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1975

Dear ,

How very kind you were to write such a thoughtful letter. It is a real measure of encouragement to the President and me to receive your warm words of confidence and praise.

Certainly the President is dedicated to finding the right solutions to the many problems facing our Nation. In these days as he strives to carry out these responsibilities your message gives us added courage to know we have the support and approval of friends like you.

The President joins me in gratitude for your good letter and in sending our warm regards.

Sincerely,

Betty Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1976

Dear ,

You were very thoughtful to write such a kind message. I deeply appreciate your expression of friendship. It is a real measure of encouragement to receive your warm words of confidence, and it is heartening to know ¹we have the support and approval of friends like you.

With special gratitude and all best wishes,

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 28, 1976

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for providing me the opportunity to add good wishes on the occasion of _____.

You each can take pride in knowing that your involvement in this project will preserve life through early detection and treatment and will offer hope and comfort to those whom you have made your concern.

Sincerely,



C



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 5, 1976

Dear ,

The President and I deeply appreciate your thoughtful message of confidence and support. Knowing of your enthusiasm for a victory in November is most heartening and means a great deal to all of our family.

We are especially grateful for your offer of assistance to the campaign and are taking the liberty of forwarding your letter to the President Ford Committee at 1828 "L" Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20036, which is in charge of the President's campaign activities.

You have our gratitude and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

bcc: Liz for the P.F.C.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 5, 1976

Dear ,

Our family deeply appreciates your warm message of confidence and support. Knowing of your enthusiasm for the President's victory in November is most heartening and means a great deal to the Ford family.

We are pleased to know of your interest in obtaining materials to use for the campaign. The commitment which your request represents provides us all with added strength and courage for the days ahead. We are forwarding your letter to the President Ford Committee, which is in charge of the President's campaign. I am certain you will be hearing from them very soon.

With our gratitude and best wishes,

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 5, 1976

Dear ,

The President and I deeply appreciate your thoughtful message of confidence and support. Knowing of your enthusiasm for a victory in November is most heartening and means a great deal to all of our family.

We are especially grateful for your suggestions for the campaign. This expression of your friendship provides us all with added strength and encouragement for the days ahead.

You have our gratitude and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

bcc: Liz for P.F.C.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 12, 1976

Dear ,

I wanted you to know of my personal interest in your campaign and support of your candidacy. As a long-time party worker, I know how important talented and committed candidates are to the GOP. As a woman and supporter of greater participation for women in all aspects of our society, I am especially pleased to know you are running for _____.

For too many years, the energy and work of GOP women were channeled into behind-the-scenes activities, and your candidacy represents an exciting trend of more Republican women out-front and seeking election. At every level from the local to the National, the involvement of women candidates focuses attention on the ability of women in government and provides our young people with a new understanding of equal rights and responsibilities.

I hope you are successful in your candidacy. Your victory will be good news for your constituents and for all of us who want to see more Republicans in office.

Sincerely,

bcc: Liz



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I hope you are successful in your candidacy. Your victory will be good news for your constituents and for all of us who want to see more Republicans in office.

Sincerely,

cc: liz



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 2, 1976

Dear ,

A big 10-4 and many thanks for thinking of me.

I am proud to be included among CB'ers who have joined together in a common network of mutual support, assistance and friendship.

This is KNF 5933, "First Mama," sending all good numbers your way from the Home-20 along with my wishes for a good day today and a better day tomorrow.

Nice modulating with you!



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 3, 1976

Dear ,

A big 10-4 and many thanks for thinking of me. I was delighted to hear about the suggestions for my "handle" which were so thoughtfully submitted by your radio listeners. I was most pleased to have the benefit of so many imaginative recommendations and welcome this opportunity to express my gratitude.

This is KNF 5933, "First Mama," sending all good numbers your way from the Home-20 along with my wishes for a good day today and a better day tomorrow.

Nice modulating with you!



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 15, 1976

Dear ,

How very nice to receive a letter from a young citizen. We enjoyed very much having your letter; it brought back happy memories of the days our children were near your age. Thank you very much for your kind words. Both the President and I greatly appreciate your spirit of friendship.

It is our hope that you will be able to visit Washington and enjoy knowing more about our country and our Nation's capital.

The President joins me in sending our best wishes for a happy, rewarding future.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you so very much for all of your kind letters. I am always pleased to hear from my younger friends across the Nation.

I regret that my busy schedule does not allow me the time to answer each of your letters. However, I take special pleasure in sending all of you my good wishes.

I sincerely hope that the many adventures upon which you are about to embark will provide much enlightenment and satisfaction as each of you pursue your individual goals.

Sincerely,



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1974

Dear ,

It was so kind of you to take the time to write and share the interesting clipping. The President and I find it very helpful to receive the views and comments of fellow citizens and greatly appreciate your expression of concerned friendship.

The President joins me in sending our warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Betty Ford



CLIPPINGS
#11-A (long and complimentary letters)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 28, 1974

Dear ,

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for your kind remarks. I am always pleased to see the clippings and articles which friends like you so thoughtfully share. Your taking the time to write and your generous message are greatly appreciated.

The President joins me in sending our warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Betty Ford



D

GEORGE A. FORD LIBRARY

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 5, 1976

Dear ,

Our family deeply appreciates your warm message of confidence and support. Knowing of your enthusiasm for the President's victory in November is most heartening and means a great deal to all of us.

We are grateful for your suggestions for the campaign and especially for those pertaining to the Presidential debates. This expression of your loyalty and friendship provides us all with added strength and encouragement for the days ahead.

You have our gratitude and very best wishes.

Sincerely,



E



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 7, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your lovely Easter message. I hope that this joyous season has given our lives greater spiritual meaning and a stronger faith in God and ourselves.

With appreciation for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,



#20-B E.R.A. - PRO

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1975

Dear ,

Thank you so much for expressing approval of the Equal Rights Amendment and of my efforts on its behalf. It is always heartening to know that one's viewpoint is shared, and I am very grateful for your kindness in conveying your opinion.

May your commitment be an inspiration for others in bringing about what I feel is of the highest priority to all Americans.

With appreciation and warm wishes,

Sincerely,

Betty Ford



F

OSCAR W. FORD LIBRARY

BF

COVER LETTER BY
CHERRY WINGATE
FOR ITEMS REQUESTED
FOR FUND-RAISING-
ACCEPTANCE

Date

Dear ():

I would like to thank you for your thoughtful letter requesting an item to be used at your fund-raising event. It would give me great pleasure to assist you with this project and I am delighted to send the enclosed item.

I wish you much success in your endeavors and send my warmest regards.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

(BF Signature)

Name
Street
City, State, Zip



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 7, 1976

Dear ,

Thank you for your kind letter to Mrs. Ford. She is delighted to be of assistance to young citizens.

Mrs. Ford is proud to be the First Lady of the United States and have the honor of living in such an historic residence as the White House. While her job is both fascinating and demanding, she enjoys the challenges of her position and strives to be helpful to her husband.

The First Lady is the official hostess for the United States and plans and organizes Presidential entertaining for visiting Heads of State as well as for various groups. This would include dinners, receptions and teas for Cabinet or Labor leaders and women's organizations. She is expected to accept at least some of the hundreds of invitations that she receives, and also to respond to thousands of letters a week, and asked to grant numerous interviews. In addition, hundreds of people call each day to talk to her. This does not make up one-fifth of the many duties performed by the First Lady but will give you some idea of what is expected of her.

I am enclosing a copy of Mrs. Ford's biography and a photograph which I hope will be helpful to you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth M. O'Neill
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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WASHINGTON

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Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

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#27 FIRST CLASS GIRL SCOUT

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1975

Dear ,

It is a pleasure to send special congratulations to you on the achievement of the rank of First Class Girl Scout. The knowledge and skill which this accomplishment represents are a credit to your interest and dedication and are a good omen for both your future and that of our country.

The President joins me in extending warm wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Betty Ford



G



NEW #49 SURGERY (FRIEND/RELATIVE)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 15, 1975

Dear ,

Your _____, _____, has very thoughtfully written of your recent surgery. I was deeply saddened to learn of your situation and yet am optimistic about your future. Since my surgery I have received thousands of messages containing prayerful concern, many from women who have had "our" operation. Their experiences have been comforting and heartening to all our family.

I am confident that the concern and friendship which _____ demonstrated in writing will sustain you during this time. And I am optimistic that you will be compensated by the awareness of your loyal friends and the increased devotion of your loved ones.

With warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Betty Ford



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1976

Dear ,

The President and I were deeply concerned to learn of your illness. We truly hope that the concern, love and increased devotion of your loyal friends and family as well as your faith in God will comfort you during this time.

We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers and send our warmest wishes for your prompt and complete recovery.

Sincerely,



H

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*Revised
Nov. 7, 1975*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 17, 1975

Dear ,

Mrs. Ford was most pleased to hear of your interest in working on her staff. She wishes to thank you for writing to her.

We do have a small staff, and at this time we have not determined what our future staff requirements will be. However, it is most helpful to have your resume and your application will be given every consideration. *no positions available*

President and Mrs. Ford send their warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Marba S. Perrott
Director of Correspondence
for Mrs. Ford

