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Thank you very much, Dick. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

I have got to say, ladies and gentlemen, he is a very good friend of mine. Therefore, forgive him for his generosity.

And to Ron and Tommy, I want to thank you for this wonderful meeting, and I want to apologize for having kept you waiting for one hour. We feel very badly, but we feel grateful to you.

I want to thank the band, the East Ridge High School Band, for what they have done.

(Applause)

And I would like to say for me to be back in Rochester is a thrill, because this is where Malcolm Wilson and I started together. To be here with Malcolm and to be here with you three times -- no, was it four times you nominated us here for your governor and lieutenant governor? I want to tell you, we are grateful to you and we love you.

(Applause)

Now, it is a pleasure to be with so many wonderful Republicans and discerning Democrats.

(Laughter)

Ladies and gentlemen, I am going to speed things up because of the time factor. First I would just like to say that the President has asked me to bring his greetings to everybody here and to thank the Republican delegates for their support at the convention, which meant a great deal to him, and it was a key factor to his nomination.

He wanted me to especially thank Dick Rosenbaum, Eunice Whittlesey and Phyllis Kelly for the tremendous leadership they gave from New York, among the other delegations at that convention and all during the primaries. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Now, it is wonderful to be here at the kick-off rally for the Ford-Dole ticket, a winning ticket in November.

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And, ladies and gentlemen, I want to tell you why it is a winning ticket. There are two reasons. One is Ford's record, a unique record, during the last two years. When this country had been torn by the various problems of Vietnam, Watergate, et cetera, and Ford came in as President, he restored public confidence and respect in government. He restored the vitality of our economy, stopped inflation, cut it in half. There are 3,800,000 new jobs in the last 18 months, which is a record in the history of this country, with a growth rate that is going to carry us to full employment in this country when he and Bob Dole are reelected for the next four years.

(Applause)

Not only that -- he restored peace in the world, and we now have peace. And that is a thing that is of tremendous importance to everybody here, and especially to you young people. And I want to thank you for coming, because it is your future we are talking about.

But the other reason he is going to be elected is because the American people trust him. They have confidence in him. And when the voters get in that booth in November, they are going to want to vote for somebody with experience that they know is going to be able to handle problems at home or abroad with the kind of judgment and wisdom and confidence which they have in President Ford. That is why they are going to vote for President Ford, and that is why he is going to be elected our next President in November.

(Applause)

Now, the extraordinary thing, ladies and gentlemen, is that he has done what he has done in these two years despite the lack of support of a two-to-one Democratic majority in the Congress. Now, I believe in a two-party system, and that is the lifeblood of democracy. But what we have got to do is have more Republicans in the Senate of the United States and in the House of Representatives.

I want to tell you, we need Jim Buckley back in the Senate of the United States, ladies and gentlemen.

(Applause)

Jim Buckley has enormous integrity. He is widely respected by both sides of the aisle for his integrity and ability. He is a champion of the individual citizen. That is the basis of democracy. He believes in the American enterprise system that has built this country to what it is today, and he is for a strong America to preserve freedom and peace in the world. These are the qualities we need. So we need him back there, ladies and gentlemen.

And I would just like to say, we need more Republicans in the Congress of the United States as well, the House of Representatives. We need Barber Conable back, your great Congressman, one of the best in the entire Congress. He is going to be the ranking Republican member of the Ways and Means Committee, which is a key committee.

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He is a key man, and we need him there. And I want to tell you, we need Frank Horton back in Congress again, yes, sir.

(Applause)

Frank Horton has won your confidence seven consecutive terms. He has an outstanding record of personal service in the Congress to all of his constituents back here, and he is doing a great job on the commission to cut government paper work, red tape, and get the bureaucracy out of your hair, if you will forgive me for saying so.

(Laughter)

Now let's go to the State. We are lucky today to have right here Warren Anderson, who is the leader of the Senate, the Republican leader of the State of New York. He has done a fabulous job. He has got a margin of four Republicans. He has held the line against a lot of things which might have been disastrous if it hadn't been for Warren Anderson. We need more Republicans in the Senate with Warren.

We want Fred Eckert back. He has been acknowledged by The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal as the key figure in the fight on the reform of pensions, to get them under control. And this is something that is very important. We want to send Fred back for the fourth term.

And we need Fred Warder, who is right here. We need him back right in the Senate. He is the leading vote-getter in the area.

And we need Edna, who is a new member of the Senate. Edna, stand up. We want to get a picture. We need her. We need more women in government, and we need Edna. That's right.

(Applause)

You have got a chance to be represented by a brilliant woman. I want to tell you, this is something we need more of. And she is an authority on education, too. And that is one of the key factors for the future for all of us, especially the young. She has got a doctorate in education and a career in teaching and administration, and now she wants to go serve all the people with Warren Anderson in the Senate. I want to tell you, more power to her.

And one more thing, ladies and gentlemen, and that is we have to get Peery Duryea as Speaker of the Assembly. I want to tell you, Jim Emery is here, who is his deputy, and he is a great man.

And we need to reelect Tom Hanna. And then you have got a wonderful list who we want to send to the Assembly. And if we send this group to the Assembly, we are going to get control back. And that is Ann Morris, David Eagan, Tom Milton, Jim Nagle and Charlie Farruggia.

Let's send them down there, and let's send your sheriff, Sheriff Fairchild, right back. Here he is.

I want to tell you, Sheriff, we need you back there.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, the most exciting thing for me is to present to you -- and I have this honor -- a great Senator and an extraordinary man. I am talking about Senator Bob Dole.

Now, this is a man who is our kind of guy. He has had experience. He knows local government. He was a county attorney. He knows State government. He was a member of the State legislature. He knows the Federal Government. He was in the House of Representatives and then in the Senate. And he is a member of the Senate Congressional Budget Committee, which is one of the key committees, and he is a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

I want to tell you, he brings to the ticket character, courage, and, ladies and gentlemen, what is more, a brilliant and beautiful wife, Elizabeth, right over here.

(Applause)

She is another woman who in her own right has a career. She is a member of the Federal Trade Commission. So we get two for one in Bob Dole and Elizabeth Dole. So this is tremendous.

(Applause)

Now, let me say about Bob, he is a man of compassion. He is a champion of civil rights and always has been. He is a supporter of the food stamp program for deserving people in need. He and McGovern have a McGovern-Dole bill. A lot of people don't know this about Bob.

He is a champion of the handicapped because he himself, with three-and-a-half years in World War II, lost the use of one arm, and he understands the problems of the handicapped.

He also is a staunch supporter of Israel, has been all the way through, of the American enterprise system, of fiscal integrity.

I would like to say that there is never any doubt as to where Bob Dole stands. He doesn't equivocate, and, as Malcolm Wilson would say, he doesn't obfuscate. Those big words, I can't use them.

(Laughter)

There is no double-talk with Bob Dole. And just one thing you can know, he is not going to give the opposition the luxury of fuzzing the issues in this campaign.

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Therefore, ladies and gentlemen, it is my great pleasure and my great honor to present to you the next Vice President of the United States, Senator Bob Dole.

(Applause)

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