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I AM GRATEFUL TO SO MANY OF YOU FOR BEING HERE TONIGHT.

THE PRIMARY CAMPAIGN IS RAPIDLY COMING TO A CLOSE, ONLY  
TEN DAYS REMAIN BEFORE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS WILL GO TO  
THE POLLS.

I HAVE BEEN IN EVERY SECTION OF OUR STATE SINCE I ANNOUNCED  
MY CANDIDACY ON JANUARY 21ST. I HAVE TALKED WITH PEOPLE IN  
EVERY WALK OF LIFE. I HAVE LISTENED TO NORTH CAROLINIANS AND  
I HAVE LEARNED FROM THEM.

MORE THAN EVER, I AM CONVINCED THAT WE MUST GET AMERICA  
BACK ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

BACK ON THE RIGHT TRACK AND MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!

WE HAVE GOT TO GET MOVING IF WE ARE TO HALT -- AS WE MUST --  
THE RISING PRICE OF GROCERIES.

WE HAVE GOT TO GET MOVING IF WE ARE TO END SHORTAGES IN  
GOODS, AND RAW MATERIALS AND, YES IN GASOLINE AND FUEL SUPPLIES.

WE HAVE GOT TO GET MOVING IF WE ARE TO HALT THE WINDFALL  
PROFITS OF OIL COMPANIES AND MAKE FULL USE OF THIS NATION'S  
UNTAPPED RESOURCES.

WE HAVE GOT TO GET MOVING IF WE ARE TO PRESERVE THE FREE  
ENTERPRISE SYSTEM FROM THE MONOPOLISTIC THREAT OF THE OIL  
COMPANIES.

AND -- YES -- MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL WE HAVE GOT TO GET  
MOVING IF WE ARE TO RESTORE THE CONFIDENCE OF PEOPLE IN  
GOVERNMENT.

NEVER BEFORE IN OUR HISTORY HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE FAILED  
TO TRUST THEIR ELECTED LEADERS. UNLESS THAT TRUST IS SOON  
RESTORED THE VERY STABILITY OF OUR FORM OF GOVERNMENT MAY BE  
AT STAKE.

WE RESTORE THAT TRUST BY BEING HONEST WITH THE PEOPLE.  
GOVERNMENT MUST SERVE THE PEOPLE INSTEAD OF PEOPLE SERVING  
THE GOVERNMENT. AND, YES, POLITICIANS MUST TALK STRAIGHT  
AND PLAIN WITH THE PEOPLE.

THIS IS WHAT I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DO IN THIS CAMPAIGN --  
TALK ABOUT THE ISSUES -- NOT ABOUT MY OPPONENTS.

I DO NOT BELIEVE THE VOTERS WILL BE FOOLED BY THOSE WHO  
SEEK TO AVOID DEALING WITH AMERICA'S PROBLEMS BY ATTACKING OTHER  
CANDIDATES. I HAVE REFUSED TO ENGAGE IN A CAMPAIGN OF  
PERSONALITIES BECAUSE WHAT IS AT STAKE IN AMERICA IN 1974 IS  
THE HEART AND SOUL OF THE AMERICAN DREAM - A MATTER TOO SERIOUS  
FOR MERE POLITICAL RHETORIC.

THE INNER STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION THAT SETTLED THIS VAST  
LAND MUST NOW BE TURNED TOWARD GETTING AMERICA BACK ON THE  
RIGHT TRACK.

WE FIND SOLUTIONS NOT BY PERSONAL ATTACKS BUT BY THE DISCUSSION  
AND UNDERSTANDING OF ISSUES BY THE VOTERS.

WE CAN PUT AMERICA BACK ON THE RIGHT TRACK NOT BY HURLING  
THREATS AND CHARGES BUT BY DETERMINING THAT GOVERNMENT CAN BE  
HONEST AND CAN BE TRUTHFUL WITH THE PEOPLE.

IT WAS FOR THESE REASONS THAT I DECIDED LONG BEFORE I ANNOUNCED FOR THE SENATE THAT I WOULD LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND DISCUSS WITH THEM THE PROBLEMS FACING OUR STATE AND NATION.

LET ME REVIEW WITH YOU TONIGHT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH THE PEOPLE SINCE I ANNOUNCED FOR THE SENATE.

ON JANUARY 21, WHEN I ANNOUNCED MY CANDIDACY FOR THE SENATE, I TOLD THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA THAT I WAS "AWARE OF GOVERNMENT'S INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THEIR LIVES." AND, I PLEDGED TO KEEP GOVERNMENT AS CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. I OFFERED TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA, "A RECORD OF ADVOCATING THE PEOPLE'S INTEREST AND TREATING EVERY CITIZEN FAIR REGARDLESS OF HIS RACE, CREED OR SOCIAL STATUS." AT THAT TIME, I PROMISED PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE, AS WELL AS FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS. I HAVE KEPT THOSE PLEDGES.

ON JANUARY 28, I CALLED FOR LEGISLATION TO TAKE AWAY FROM THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE THE COMPLETE DISCRETIONARY POWER TO ABOLISH THE TOBACCO ALLOTMENT PROGRAM. NO BUREAUCRAT SHOULD HAVE THE POWER TO ABOLISH A PROGRAM PASSED BY THE CONGRESS AND APPROVED BY 98 PERCENT OF THE TOBACCO GROWERS.

ON JANUARY 31, I CALLED UPON CONGRESS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE PEOPLE THAT IT COULD ACT EFFECTIVELY IN SOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS. AT THAT TIME, AND ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS SINCE, I HAVE EXPRESSED MY SUPPORT FOR THE BUDGET REFORM ACT WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH. I HAVE ALSO CALLED UPON THE CONGRESS TO RECLAIM MANY OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS WHICH THE CONGRESS HAS CONCEDED TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

ON FEBRUARY 21, AS ONE SOLUTION TO THE RISING PRICE OF FUEL, I INDICATED MY SUPPORT OF A PROPOSAL IN CONGRESS TO ROLL BACK THE PRICE ON DOMESTIC CRUDE OIL. THIS ACTION WOULD HAVE LOWERED THE PRICE OF GASOLINE ACROSS THE NATION. AT THE SAME TIME, I DEPLORED THE WINDFALL PROFITS OF THE MAJOR OIL COMPANIES AND CALLED ON THESE COMPANIES TO USE THESE PROFITS TO SEARCH FOR NEW OIL RESERVES IN THIS COUNTRY.

ON FEBRUARY 26, I SIGNED THE CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES PLEDGING MY COMMITMENT TO CONDUCT A FAIR CAMPAIGN AND STATING, "THAT THE ONLY POLITICS IS CLEAN POLITICS." I AM PROUD TO SAY WE HAVE KEPT THAT PLEDGE. THROUGHOUT THE LONG COURSE OF THIS CAMPAIGN I HAVE REMAINED THE ONLY CANDIDATE TO SIGN THE CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES. AS THIS CAMPAIGN DRAWS TO A CLOSE AND AS I CONTINUE TO BE THE SUBJECT OF ATTACK FROM OTHER CANDIDATES IN THIS RACE, I AM COMING TO UNDERSTAND WHY I WAS THE ONLY CANDIDATE TO SIGN THIS PLEDGE.

ON FEBRUARY 27, I DISCUSSED WITH THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA HOW MY CAMPAIGN WOULD BE FINANCED. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NORTH CAROLINA, A CAMPAIGN BUDGET WAS PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BECAME AN OPEN BOOK. I MADE IT CLEAR TO THE PEOPLE THAT I DID NOT WANT MY CAMPAIGN FINANCED BY THE SPECIAL INTERESTS AND IT HAS NOT BEEN!

THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA HAVE RESPONDED IN LARGE NUMBERS. OVER 2,000 PERSONS HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO MY CAMPAIGN. I AM PROUD OF THIS BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT MORE NORTH CAROLINIANS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO OUR SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN THAN HAVE EVER CONTRIBUTED TO ANY POLITICAL PRIMARY CAMPAIGN IN THE HISTORY OF THIS STATE. NORTH CAROLINIANS KNOW THAT OUR FINANCIAL RECORDS ARE ALWAYS OPEN. AND I AM PROUD THAT WE HAVE COMPLIED WITHOUT EXCEPTION WITH THE FEDERAL LAW REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF CAMPAIGN EXPENSES. EVERY REPORT HAS BEEN FILED ON TIME. SOME SAY THAT WE HAVE BEEN HURT BY OPENNESS AND CANDOR IN THIS AREA. I DISAGREE BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE RESPECT OUR TELLING THEM THE TRUTH.

ON MARCH 7, I CALLED FOR STRONG FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT FOR VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND CRITICIZED THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION FOR THEIR NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THOSE WHO SEEK THROUGH VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM.

ON MARCH 21, I PROPOSED THAT CONGRESS ESTABLISH A STANDING COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT NORTH CAROLINIANS ARE AWARE THAT THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, A PART OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, REMAINS UNACCOUNTABLE TO THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE. THIS WAS BUT ONE OF MANY PROPOSALS THAT I HAVE MADE THROUGHOUT THIS CAMPAIGN TO MAKE THE CONGRESS THE CO-EQUAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT AS THE FOUNDING FRAMERS OF THE CONSTITUTION INTENDED.

ON MARCH 23, SPEAKING AGAIN TO THIS SAME ISSUE, I MADE CLEAR MY OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENTIAL IMPOUNDMENT OF FUNDS. IT SHOULD BE CLEAR TO ALL OF US THAT "IF THE PRESIDENT DISAPPROVES OF CONGRESSIONAL SPENDING, THEN HE SHOULD VETO THE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, CHALLENGE THE CONGRESS TO OVERRIDE THAT VETO, RATHER THAN SIGNING A BILL INTO LAW AND THEN IGNORING IT." WE CANNOT IGNORE THE CLEAR MANDATE OF THE CONSTITUTION.

ON MARCH 26, I CALLED ATTENTION TO THE "TOTAL DISARRAY" THAT SURROUNDS THE FEDERAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS PROGRAMS. I MADE CLEAR MY BELIEF THAT EVERY AMERICAN IS ENTITLED TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO OWN HIS OWN HOME AND TO RAISE HIS CHILDREN IN A WHOLESOME COMMUNITY. SINCE THAT TIME, I HAVE CALLED FOR THE RESUMPTION OF FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED LOW INTEREST HOUSING.

HOUSING IS A PROBLEM THAT MUST BE SOLVED. AN ATTENTIVE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN PROPERLY SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THOSE AMERICANS WHO NEED AND DESIRE ADEQUATE HOUSING.

ON MARCH 27, LONG BEFORE IT BECAME THE POPULAR THING TO DO, I DISCUSSED TAX REFORM. I PLEDGED TO WORK TO CLOSE UP THE LOOPHOLES WHICH, "DISPROPORTIONATELY BENEFIT THE WEALTHY" AT THE EXPENSE OF MOST AMERICANS. AT THAT TIME, AND ON SUBSEQUENT OCCASIONS, I HAVE CALLED FOR A SYSTEMATIC ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE FEDERAL TAX STRUCTURE. DURING THE COURSE OF THIS CAMPAIGN, I HAVE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF THE "GOLDEN GIMMICK" THAT ALLOWS THE BIG OIL COMPANIES TO DEDUCT FROM THEIR UNITED STATES TAXES THE ROYALTY THEY PAY TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. THE ELIMINATION OF THE "GOLDEN GIMMICK" WOULD ENCOURAGE EXPLORATION FOR NEW ENERGY RESOURCES IN THIS COUNTRY RATHER THAN ABROAD.

ON APRIL 2, I CALLED ATTENTION TO THE EXPORT POLICIES OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE EARL BUTTS WHICH POLICIES ARE "PRICING OUR HOMEMAKERS OUT OF THE GROCERY STORE." TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF THE RUSSIAN WHEAT DEAL, I ENDORSED LEGISLATION TO "REQUIRE THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT TO FORECAST AMERICAN PRODUCTION EACH YEAR, SET ASIDE THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR DOMESTIC USE, AND ALLOCATE THE REMAINDER FOR FOREIGN SALE AND STOCK PILING." SUCH A PLAN WOULD NOT ONLY DEAL WITH ONE OF THE BASIC CAUSES OF THE INFLATION BUT WOULD ALSO MEAN THAT AMERICAN

PRODUCED GOODS WOULD BE USED TO FEED AMERICANS,

ON APRIL 6, I MADE CLEAR MY DISGUST AT THE SHODDY TREATMENT THIS ADMINISTRATION IS GIVING TO VIETNAM WAR VETERANS AND STATED THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE, I WOULD HAVE VOTED TO OVERRIDE THE PRESIDENT'S VETO OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

ON APRIL 8, I CALLED UPON MY FELLOW NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS TO ADOPT A RESPONSIBLE APPROACH TO SOLVING THIS COUNTRIES' PROBLEMS. OUR PARTY MUST ABOVE ALL BE RESPONSIBLE AND IN TUNE WITH THE VISION OF THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

ON APRIL 10, AS ON OTHER OCCASIONS, I POINTED TO GOVERNMENT EXTRAVAGANCE AS A MAJOR CAUSE OF INFLATION. I REMINDED THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA OF A STUDY BY A PANEL APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR HOLSHOUSER WHICH CONCLUDED THAT "NO SIGNIFICANT RECOMMENDATIONS COULD BE DEVELOPED" FOR IMPROVING THE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. I AM PROUD OF THE RESULTS OF THAT STUDY BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT IS EVIDENCE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT EVERY TAX DOLLAR BE SPENT WISELY AND EFFICIENTLY. ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN WE BRING ABOUT ANY MEANINGFUL REDUCTION IN THE INDIVIDUAL TAX LOAD AND ULTIMATELY IN THE FEDERAL DEBT.

ON APRIL 11, I BECAME THE FIRST CANDIDATE IN THIS RACE TO FILE A FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

ON APRIL 16, ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF RISING HOUSING COSTS, I PROPOSED CUTTING FEDERAL DEFICIT SPENDING AS A GENERAL DEFLATIONARY STEP. AT THE SAME TIME, I SUGGESTED CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE MONETARY POLICIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD IN ORDER TO CREATE MORE MONEY IN THE MARKETPLACE THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE BOTH TO HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESSMEN.

ON APRIL 18, I SPOKE TO THE PROBLEMS FACING OLDER AMERICANS. I BELIEVE THE LAW SHOULD BE CHANGED TO ALLOW THESE OLDER AMERICANS TO EARN AT LEAST \$3,000 A YEAR WITHOUT LOSING THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE SENATE MUST ACT QUICKLY TO BRING ABOUT INCREASED MEDICAL INSURANCE FOR OLDER ADULTS.

ON APRIL 21, I EXPRESSED TO SENATOR ERVIN'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE SEPARATION OF POWERS MY CONCERN OVER THIS ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO CONTROL POLITICALLY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON. I REITERATED ONCE AGAIN MY DETERMINATION TO RESIST THE ATTEMPTS OF A REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR AND HIS FOLLOWERS (OF WHATEVER POLITICAL PARTY) TO GAIN CONTROL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

ON APRIL 23, I PLEDGED MY SUPPORT TO FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN THE FUNDING OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS INCLUDING COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS INTENDED TO PROVIDE PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES CLOSER TO PATIENTS' HOMES.

ON APRIL 25, I CALLED FOR ADDITIONAL TAX REFORM TO ALLOW SINGLE, WIDOWED AND DIVORCED PERSONS TO BE TREATED AS THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD FOR TAX PURPOSES.

ON APRIL 25, I BECAME THE FIRST CANDIDATE TO ADDRESS A MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ISSUE WHEN I URGED THE CONTINUATION OF THE SALT TALKS CAUTIONING AGAINST THE PRESIDENT PERSONALLY BARGAINING WITH THE RUSSIANS AT THIS TIME. I ALSO MADE IT CLEAR THAT THIS NATION MUST REMAIN A FIRST-RATE POWER.

THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THIS CAMPAIGN, I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE CURRENT CRISIS IN WASHINGTON. NO PERSON ABHORS MORE THAN I DO THE DIRTY TRICKS AND ALLEGED CRIMINAL ACTS WHICH SURROUNDED THE 1972 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. WHEN I ANNOUNCED FOR THE SENATE ON JANUARY 21, I WAS ASKED BY A REPORTER, WHO WAS PRESENT, TO COMMENT ON THE IMPEACHMENT INVESTIGATION. I SAID THEN, AS I SAY NOW, THAT I DO NOT FEAR THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES OF IMPEACHMENT WHICH THE FOUNDING FATHERS INSERTED IN THE CONSTITUTION ALMOST TWO CENTURIES AGO.

THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE MUST ACT WITH DISPATCH IN DEALING WITH THE IMPEACHMENT RESOLUTIONS AND THE PRESIDENT SHOULD COOPERATE FULLY IN THAT INVESTIGATION. IN THE EVENT THERE IS DISAGREEMENT, THE COURTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR A PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE. AS A POTENTIAL MEMBER OF THE SENATE, WHO MIGHT WELL SIT AS A JUROR AT THE PRESIDENT'S TRIAL, IT WOULD BE IMPROPER FOR ME TO DETERMINE HIS GUILT OR INNOCENCE WITHOUT HEARING THE EVIDENCE. EVERY PERSON -- FROM THE ACCUSED THIEF TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES -- IS ENTITLED TO A FAIR TRIAL AND TO A VERDICT BASED ON THE EVIDENCE WHICH IS PRESENTED. ANY JUROR WHO MAKES UP HIS MIND BEFORE HE HEARS THE EVIDENCE IS FLAUNTING THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND ENGAGING IN POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY. REMEMBER NORTH CAROLINIANS REFUSED TO RATIFY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES UNTIL THE BILL OF RIGHTS WERE ADDED.

THE SIXTH AMENDMENT GUARANTEE OF A TRIAL BY AN IMPARTIAL JURY APPLIES BOTH TO THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

HISTORY HAS SHOWN THAT WE DISREGARD THE BILL OF RIGHTS AT GREAT PERIL TO OURSELVES AND OUR DEMOCRACY. I SEE NO REASON TO SUSPEND THE BILL OF RIGHTS DURING THIS CAMPAIGN IN THE NAME OF POLITICAL EXPEDIENCY.

THAT IS WHAT OUR CAMPAIGN IS ALL ABOUT -- THE END TO JUST TALKING AND THE START OF GETTING AMERICA BACK ON THE RIGHT TRACK AND MOVING AGAIN.

THIS IS WHY I HAVE ADDRESSED MYSELF IN THIS CAMPAIGN TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE ECONOMY, THE ENERGY CRISIS AND THE LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENT. I HAVE TALKED STRAIGHT AND PLAIN WITH THE PEOPLE; AND, I AM PROUD OF OUR CAMPAIGN.

BY SPEAKING TO THESE ISSUES, BY SIGNING THE FAIR CAMPAIGN PLEDGE, BY DISCLOSING OUR PERSONAL FINANCES AND BY RUNNING AN OPEN CAMPAIGN, WE HAVE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP IN GETTING AMERICA BACK ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

I FIND THAT PEOPLE ALL ACROSS THIS GREAT STATE AGREE, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT WITH YOUR HELP AND THEIRS, WE WILL BE VICTORIOUS ON MAY 7.