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Ms. Nancy Hernreich
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RE: Rob Brothers

Dear Nancy:

I have enclosed with this letter a personal letter to the President from my good friend, Rob Brothers. Rob is the President of the First National Bank of Rogers and I know has been a Bill Clinton supporter for at least the last sixteen years. Rob is also a devout Catholic. I had a very anguished conversation with Rob last week in which it was clear that he was heartsick over a recent decision by the President. I encouraged Rob to not close the door on his relationship with Bill Clinton, but to write a letter to the President that outlined how he felt. I assured Rob I would get the letter to the President.

As you can see, I have not opened the letter. I do not know what it says. However, I know that it is heartfelt and sincere and I would appreciate your seeing to it that the President gets it. As always, your help in these matters is greatly appreciated. Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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ROBERT V. BROTHERS

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4-22-96

Mr. President,

I have been a supporter of yours for years - I do not want to overplay this support, but do want you to know that I have been a financial contributor, albeit a small one, but most importantly, I have cast my vote for you in each election you've been involved in for the past sixteen years. We have not always agreed on all issues, but I have always been able to look at the overall body of good works which I feel you've tried to accomplish.

Perhaps the single most troubling philosophical issue on which we differ, is the "pro-choice" position on abortion. I have been able to look past this issue in the past, but am now vexed by your veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. I have read the news accounts and searched for an acceptable explanation. I know that it is a decision you agonized over and prayed about, but this is such a gruesome procedure, and despite its supposedly narrow application I must tell you that this veto has rendered me incapable of supporting you in the upcoming election. Life in all of its forms is precious, even though it may not be "good", "viable", or "perfect".

My one vote may not matter, but I fear it's lost

representative of many others. I am not sure what can be accomplished by writing this letter, but I did want to personally let you know of the depth of my feelings. I also know that the issues can be extremely complex and that, of necessity, politics must always be played — but for me the complexity has been swept away, and the simple decision that remains is to give each life the chance to be all that God intended it to be.

Mrs. President, I do want to thank you for the tremendous dedication and sacrifice you've made to be our President — my heart goes out to you for the loss of your friends and fellow servants. Keep on fighting the good fight — there are many issues I support you on — this one is just so personal, it has now overcome the others.

For Brothers

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 15, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe

Title

Organization

Business Adr1

Business Adr2

Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

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Thank you for sharing your thoughts. *have*

I welcomed the announcement ~~made on~~ February 28th by British Prime Minister Major and Irish Prime Minister Bruton concerning negotiations for a just and lasting settlement in Northern Ireland. ~~Their~~ negotiations will lead to inclusive talks *on regarding* the future of Northern Ireland, once the cease-fire has been restored. I am convinced that this ~~is the~~ path supported by the majority of the people of Northern Ireland, who have resoundingly rejected violence and ~~have~~, instead, embraced peace. It is my hope that those who have resorted to violence will heed the clear voice of the people and cease their campaign of terror.

Prime Minister Bruton, Prime Minister Major, and Northern Ireland political leaders are continuing their determined work to end the violence and to pursue a negotiated settlement. I applaud their persistent efforts to overcome ~~centuries of~~ *as* disagreement, and I am pleased that the United States has been able to assist this process of reconciliation. *I join* ~~with~~ the governments of Ireland and the United Kingdom in the hope and expectation that all of the parties can finally create the lasting peace that the people of Northern Ireland so deserve.

I appreciate your interest in this important issue.

Sincerely,

My Administration

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
Business Adr2
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for your message regarding the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Vice President Gore and I worked hard with Congress on this legislation, and I was proud to sign it into law this past February. The Act is the result of thoughtful, bipartisan deliberation, and I am confident that it will bolster consumer choice while helping to create a more open marketplace for competition and innovation. Additionally, this act will help us connect schools and libraries to the Information Superhighway, preparing American education for the challenges of the next century.

The Act also takes several steps to protect children from inappropriate programming and content. The V-chip will help parents exercise greater control over what their children watch on television. The Act takes a different approach toward Internet communications, and because this approach raises serious constitutional issues, the Act contains a process for expedited judicial review, which is already underway.

As I have stated, I strongly object to the provision in the Act concerning the transmittal of abortion-related speech and information. Although current law prohibits transmittal of this information by certain means, the Department of Justice has advised me of its longstanding policy that this and related provisions in current law are unconstitutional and will not be enforced because they violate the First Amendment. The Department will continue to decline to enforce that provision of current law as it is amended by this legislation.

As the first major revision of our telecommunications laws in more than 60 years, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 will provide a sound basis for America's continued preeminence in communication and information technology. It will provide all Americans with better telecommunications services at lower prices -- preserving the diversity of voices and viewpoints in the mass media that are so important to the health of our democracy.

I appreciate your taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

(4/15/96)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 15, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
Business Adr2
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your concerns about unfunded federal mandates. As a former governor, I understand the difficult burdens that such mandates can create for state and local governments.

Throughout my Administration, I have ^{such} worked with Congress to produce legislation that substantially decreases the number of unfunded mandates. And, as you may know, in 1993, I issued an Executive Order to limit the use of ~~unfunded~~ mandates. This Order, along with other steps, has helped to create a more effective and more honest ~~intergovernmental~~ relationship. In addition, last spring I was proud to sign the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, and I am confident that this legislation will help to ensure continued efficiency and fairness for all Americans.

I appreciate having your perspective, and I'm glad you took the time to write.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 15, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe

Title

Organization

Business Adr1

Business Adr2

Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about budget and economic issues.

My Administration has worked hard over the past three years to reduce the budget deficit, eliminate wasteful spending, and streamline government, while supporting advances in education, technology, and other key areas that enhance productivity and living standards for the American people. The tough choices we have made have already cut the deficit in half and have helped the economy to produce more than 8.5 million new jobs.

I remain committed to balancing the budget in a way that protects our values and builds on our progress. I have submitted to the Congress a detailed plan for balancing the budget by 2002. My proposal makes the tough spending cuts necessary to balance the budget, but it also honors our values and our future. It reaffirms our nation's investments in education, training, and the environment. My plan strengthens the Medicare trust fund and preserves the Medicaid guarantee of health care to disabled children and the elderly in nursing homes. Finally, my proposal takes serious steps toward health care and welfare reform, bars tax increases on working families, and targets tax relief for middle-income Americans.

Balancing the budget should be a means to increased investment and productivity and higher incomes and living standards for the American people. My plan balances the budget in the right way -- by achieving deficit reduction while maintaining those investments that will enable our nation to prosper and achieve these goals. By working together with the Congress, I hope that we can balance the budget, continue to strengthen our economy and preserve the American Dream for our children.

Sincerely,

(4/15/96)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe

Title

Organization

Business Adr1

Business Adr2

Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for your message about the AIDS crisis. I'm glad you took the time to let me know how you feel.

While we can all be proud of the progress we have made in combatting HIV and AIDS in recent years, we recognize that there is still a great deal of work to do. Too many of our friends and loved ones are dying from this terrible epidemic, and prejudice, insecurity, and fear are ~~taking a great toll on our nation, national fiber~~. I am committed to building on our work and strengthening our national leadership in the war against AIDS.

Our highest priority must be the search for a vaccine and a cure. In my fiscal 1997 budget, I have requested \$1.4 billion for AIDS-related research at the National Institutes of Health. Additionally, my budget seeks to strengthen the Office of AIDS Research to provide national leadership in its mission. The Food and Drug Administration has also been working hard to approve new drugs to stop AIDS in its tracks. New AIDS therapies are being approved ~~in record time~~ -- faster than any other country in the world -- and I am working to empower the FDA to continue this fine record of achievement.

In our work to provide care and comfort for people with AIDS, I have requested significantly increased funding for the Ryan White CARE Act, including targeted funds for the AIDS drug assistance program so that people living with AIDS will have access to the new therapies that our research budget has helped support. The Ryan White Act has received much-needed bipartisan backing, and I am committed to seeing the Act fulfill its goals. My budget will continue funding for the important Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS program, and it proposes ^{also} increased funding for efforts to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS.

While I remain committed to balancing the budget for our nation's future, we can ~~clearly~~ do this while protecting the needs of our most vulnerable citizens -- providing hope and comfort for those living with this terrible disease. Working together, we can defeat AIDS and create a more secure future for all of us.

I appreciate your interest in this most important issue.

Sincerely,

(4/15/96)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 15, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
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Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

*End business-as-usual in the
federal government*

Thank you for sharing your ideas about political reform.
I appreciate having your perspective on this important issue.

For the past three years, my Administration has worked with Congress to ~~stop the federal government from doing business as-usual~~. We have sought to curb the power of narrow interests and make politicians more accountable to the people they serve. Last year I asked Congress to take major steps toward political reform, and Congress agreed, applying to itself the laws that it passed to governing the rest of America; Members of Congress gave up gifts, meals, and trips from lobbyists; and last December, Congress enacted strong lobbying disclosure provisions that bring lobbying into the light of public scrutiny. ~~into the~~ ^{Subject}

And now, for the first time in a generation, we are striving to reduce the influence that money has had on elections. With the McCain-Feingold bipartisan campaign finance reform bill, we are working hard to curb special interest influence in politics by limiting spending, curbing the campaign power of PACs and lobbyists, and providing free television time for candidates who abide by voluntary spending limits.

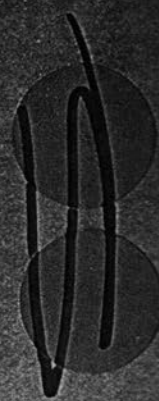
I am proud of the progress we have made so far, and I am confident that with these political reforms we can make our government more efficient and more responsive to the American people.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
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Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for sharing your views. It's important for me to know how you feel about the challenges facing our nation.

I remain committed to balancing the budget in a way that strengthens our economy, protects Medicare, Medicaid, and the environment -- without raising taxes on working families. My seven-year balanced budget proposal would accomplish this goal and build on our successful record of deficit reduction.

In the weeks ahead we will continue our bipartisan efforts to find common ground and balance the budget. I appreciate knowing your perspective and hope you will stay involved.

Sincerely,

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(4/15/96)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 15, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
Business Adr2
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

Thank you for your kind words of encouragement. I think we're on the right track, and I'm glad to know that you agree.

I remain committed to balancing the budget in a way that strengthens our economy and protects Medicare, Medicaid, and the environment -- without raising taxes on working families. My seven-year balanced budget proposal would accomplish this goal and build on our successful record of deficit reduction.

As my Administration continues working with Congress on these vital issues, I am grateful for your support. ~~Together we can make a difference.~~

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 15, 1996

Mr. John M. Doe
Title
Organization
Business Adr1
Business Adr2
Business City, BState BZip-BZip9

Dear John:

STEP 1 Thank you for sharing your thoughts about school uniforms.

Government, families, educators, and communities must all work together to solve the complicated problems that lead to gang ~~involvement~~ ^{violence}. And while school uniforms may be only one step toward that goal, we know that statistics from schools with dress codes indicate that attendance, suspension, and crime rates can be positively affected when students wear uniforms. That is why the Department of Education has distributed guidelines to every school district in America. With this information, parents, teachers, and local school officials will be able to determine whether adopting a school uniform policy will promote safety and improve learning in their community.

I hope that you will do your part by working hard in your classes and reaching out in friendship to others. Best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1996



MEMORANDUM FOR MIKE MCCURRY

THROUGH: TODD STERN *js*
FROM: JIM DORSKIND *JD*
SUBJECT: EARTH DAY, 1996

Attached is the President's message for Earth Day, which you may want to release to the media. Earth Day is observed on Monday, April 22.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

EARTH DAY, 1996

Warm greetings to everyone celebrating the twenty-sixth anniversary of Earth Day.

Since its inception, the celebration of Earth Day has underscored the importance of preserving our nation's precious natural resources and our responsibility to maintain a safe, healthy environment. Now, as we prepare to meet the challenges of the next century, protecting the environment remains one of my Administration's most vital missions.

America is a much cleaner and safer place today than it was in 1970 when Earth Day was first celebrated, and I am proud of my Administration's broad-based efforts to advance this cause. Through innovative policies stressing the values of cooperation, fairness, and common sense, we have approached environmental protection with fresh determination. We have expanded right-to-know programs that require industry to provide public information about toxic releases, acted to cut air pollution from factories and dioxin emissions from incinerators, and phased out 75 hazardous pesticides. We have strengthened protection for Yellowstone and other national parks, developed a comprehensive program to restore the Florida Everglades, and improved programs that protect our natural resources and biodiversity. We have also increased recycling, stimulated job growth through new environmental technologies, and promoted energy efficiency and renewable energy.

As we observe Earth Day in neighborhoods and communities across America, we must continue building on this great progress. Let us renew our pledge to foster environmental stewardship and sustainable economic development, and let us make a solemn commitment that the world we leave to future generations will hold the same promise and opportunity as the one we inherited.

Best wishes for a memorable observance.

Bill Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

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WILLIAM J. CLINTON

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Sent to Donskud
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Todd Stern.

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April 16, 1996

President Clinton
c/o Christopher Cerf, Deputy Counsel
The White House
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you to strongly urge you to veto the Anti-Terrorism Bill because of the provisions that will essential destroy habeas corpus and will surely lead to innocent people being executed.

I am an attorney who represents inmates who have been sentenced to death on appeal before the California Supreme Court. I am fully aware of how lengthy the process is, and understand how this negatively affects all the parties involved in this type of litigation, even defense lawyers. However, the habeas portions of the Anti-Terrorism Bill fail to address this issue, and simply ensure that inmates who have been sentenced to death will no longer have a forum to challenge the constitutionality of their conviction and sentence.

In California, as I suppose in many parts of the county, there is a misperception that the long delays in carrying out executions are due solely because of the tactics of lawyers, such as myself, who represent death-sentenced inmates. This is simply not the case. California has presently over 100 inmates on death row who do not have lawyers to represent them on their direct appeal, as required by the California Constitution. Some of these inmates have been on death row longer than 3 years. In addition, the California Supreme Court moves very slowly in deciding these cases simply because it is not equipped to deal with the large number of these very complex cases.

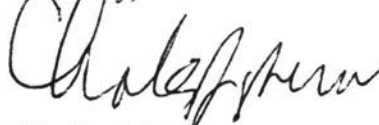
As I understand it, the habeas provisions will require an inmate to file his habeas corpus petition six months after he has exhausted his state court proceedings. Because many states do not provide adequate compensation to lawyers investigating these cases in state courts on appeal, the federal courts are the first time that an inmate has resources available to do the proper investigation in these types of case. Six months is simply not enough time to provide the type of representation required when someone's life is at stake.

Perhaps the most troubling portion of the habeas provisions, however, is the section that requires federal courts to deny habeas relief if the state court has provided a full and fair hearing, and the state court's decision is not clearly erroneous. Again, because state court judges face enormous political pressure, it is rare that an inmate receives proper judicial review of his claims

until he reaches federal court. In California, for example, the California Supreme Court has not reversed a capital case on direct appeal in over six years, while the federal courts have been granting habeas corpus relief to California cases at a rate of slightly over 40%. The "full and fair" provision will eviscerate the power of federal judges to review state court decisions, inevitably leading, in some instances, to the execution of innocent people.¹ Furthermore, this provision may very well be unconstitutional, as it infringes upon the power of the federal judiciary enumerated in Article III of the United States Constitution.

I agree that there needs to be a strong bill to help prevent the types of terrorist attacks, such as the Oklahoma City bombing, from occurring. The House version of the bill, as I understand, has already weakened the bill by eliminating several key provisions that you had proposed. In its place, it has set up an incredible barrier to inmates who are seeking to challenge their state court convictions, which has virtually nothing to do with efforts to fight terrorism. I therefore strongly urge that you veto this bill, and require Congress to provide for effective legislation to combat terrorism, both here and abroad, without infringing upon the rights of people to challenge the constitutionality of their convictions in state court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles J. Press". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charles" being more prominent.

Charles J. Press

¹ A book called *In Spite of Innocence* by Michael Radelet places a conservative estimate that twenty-three innocent people have been executed in the Twentieth Century.