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Mrs. E. R. Conto Route 3 Wagoner, Oklahoma 74467

Dear Mrs. Conto:

Thank you for your recent letter sharing with me your views on the issues of campaign reform and the national attitude toward President Nixon.

The revelations of the Watergate investigation have served to highlight the need for effective campaign reform in order to make candidacy for federal office more accesible and responsive to the people. As you know, there has been a proposal advanced that would provide for partial public financing of political campaigns. I have met with the Chairman of the Committee which will be handling campaign reform legislation, and he is reluctant to support such a proposal. This is a matter which is of vital concern to us all, and I welcome your comments and recommendations as I study the various proposals put forth in the Congress.

I share your concern, also, at the current crisis in our national leadership, and I have enclosed for your information a copy of my recent newsletter which outlines some of these major issues. Our first concern must be to restore faith and confidence in our system of government and to make sure that we put aside partisan politics in the best interest of our nationaas a whole.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

JAMES R. JONES

Member of Congress

Nyon November 16, 1973 Mrs. E. R. Conto Route 3 Wagoner, Oklahoma 74467 Dear Mrs. Conto: Your letter arrived while Congressman Jones is out of the country. As you may know, Mr. Jones was appointed to a special subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee to gather facts about the Middle East with which to report back to the House of Representatives. The Congressman is presently in Egypt and Israel. I am taking the liberty of acknowledging receipt of your letter, and I will bring your correspondence to Congressman Jones' personal attention immediately upon his return to the United States in late November. Sincerely yours, Stephen Kaplan Legislative Assistant