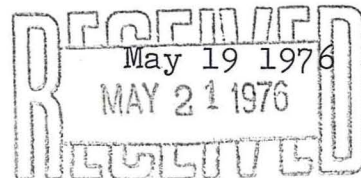


Senator Paul D. Laxalt  
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Washington, D. C. 20510

SENATOR PAUL LAXALT



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Dear Senator Laxalt:

I attended the Luncheon of the Economics club of Detroit this past Friday and listened to Ronald Reagan's speech. He said absolutely nothing that we had not heard before except perhaps his remark that he was not trying to save the Erie Canal. He was talking to a receptive audience and they were entertained. However the value of that speech to get the attention of the media and through the media get the attention of the people of Michigan was zilch.

In the few days that followed, I have heard your name repeatedly at the end of commercials for Reagan and yesterday as I drove into Dearborn, I heard an apologetic appeal for Reagan made by John Wayne, at least three times. Not once did I hear anyone, or Reagan, say that the President had given jobs and prosperity in Michigan a pocket veto by simply not raising a finger to remove the interlock from our backs and then delaying 16 days signing the Wyman amendment into law.

As I told you in my mailgram, Reagan could win big in Michigan if he would play to the President's backhand and tell the people of Michigan the facts about Ford that they could understand. The Ford people certainly did a very complete job in conveying the fact that Reagan was a very dangerous individual for President.

With everybody in the country aware of the fact that the results in Michigan could determine the outcome of this race and it is just possible that they have already done so, I find it completely unbelievable that the Reagan Strategy committee could have failed to keep Reagan in the State of Michigan during the campaign and also failed to attack Ford on grounds where he was vulnerable.

I would not be surprised if in the very near future some cartoonist does not show Ronald Reagan arranging the chairs on the Titanic.

During the New Hampshire primary, I got material to Hugh Gregg showing the fact that Wyman, a favorite son, had gotten rid of the interlock while Ford had done nothing. Gregg wrote me that he would convey this material to the Reagan Strategy committee and I had all the political clippings sent to me by my brother who was in New Hampshire. Reagan never used the facts and Reagan lost. Now we repeat in Michigan and the question arises: Is the person at the head of Reagan's Strategy committee stupid or is he simply booking passage for Ronald Reagan on the Titanic. From where I sit it now seems that we are witnessing the beginning of a planned failure. What do you think?

Sincerely yours,

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N.B. It is noteworthy that Mr. Jack Welborn our State Senator from Kalamazoo also had this material and failed to use it. If you did not personally talk with Ronald Reagan about the "interlock" material then the Michigan failure certainly rests heavily with you. If you did then it rests on his shoulders  
CC. Senator Jack A. Welborn



February 10, 1976

Mr. Hugh Gregg  
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Dear Mr. Gregg:

I have just finished talking with Ms. Lucille La Gasse at the Manchester headquarters and she gave me your name

I am providing you with the enclosed material which will possibly be of interest and value to you in your present campaign to secure New Hampshire for Regan.

You are undoubtedly well aware of the fact that Congressman Wyman secured the repeal of the interlock by virtue of his amendment, called the Wyman Amendment, made to a safety school busing bill (involving safety measures such as seat belts etc). He also was responsible by virtue of his amendment for the now expected decision which must be made by Secretary Coleman on the controversial airbag. His amendment initially would have made a mandatory air bag impossible but optional if anyone wanted it. The compromise on the the amendment made by the House and Senate managers headed by Senator Magnuson and Congressman Staggers, both airbag enthusiasts, call for the present decision by Coleman and then give the Congress 60 days to kill it if he decides to go with it. So you see the people of this country owe a considerable debt to Congressman Wyman because he got the interlock and possibly the airbag off the backs of the American People.

You will notice that I corresponded with President Ford when he was a Vice President asking him to intervene on behalf of the American People to correct the interlock problem. I of course had told him via a letter, also delivered to all other members of the Congress dated August 2nd, 1973, that the interlock was potentially lethal.

You will notice the fact that on August 9th, the day he became President, he replied to my several letters and telegrams saying he had gotten the message.

You will also note that Congressman Robert J. Huber initiated a round robin letter signed by 44 Congressmen urging President Ford to move on this very obvious problem by executive action. But as you must know, with his very definite aptitude for ineptitude, he did nothing until Congress finally passed the bill with the amendment on October 12th. Then with executive decisiveness President Ford delayed signing that bill until October 28th.

In as much as the addition of the interlock had added cost to all American Cars and was so obnoxious that it reduced sales during the 1974 run, you would think that an intelligent president would jump at the opportunity to remove something which would be helpful in getting our economy going. In spite of the fact that he apparently majored in economics here at the University of Michigan, he doesn't understand.

President Ford keeps talking about getting the bureaucracy off the backs of the American People yet when he is told how to do it by some 44 Congressmen who he knew, he did not have the guts and intelligence or capacity to act.

Basically, President Ford is not Presidential material and it would be a tragedy if the United States were to be stuck with him for the next four years. I therefore hope that you can use this material effectively.

Sincerely yours,

Emile P. Grenier

I have made my first financial contribution to the campaign, more will follow. Lets win in New Hampshire.