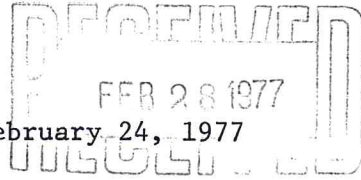


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SENATOR PAUL LAXALT



February 24, 1977

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Senator Paul Laxalt  
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Dear Paul:

By now you probably know that in recent months we have been setting up a new conservative Republican political action committee known as Citizens for the Republic.

Through this committee I hope that people like you and I can work together to spread conservative Republican principles and elect conservative Republican candidates.

I am aware that there are a number of groups already in being that share these goals, but I believe there is strength in numbers and in diversity. In addition, I believe Citizens for the Republic can and will be effective in areas in which many of these groups are not involved.

Be that as it may, the purpose of this letter is to ask you to serve during the next year on the Citizens for the Republic Steering Committee so that we may have the benefit of your advice and counsel. I will be honored if you will join us.

In the interest of time I have asked Lyn Nofziger to contact you early next week. Our first full-fledged Steering Committee meeting has been scheduled for the afternoon of March 10 in Los Angeles. We will let you know the exact time and place shortly. Our hope is to have quarterly meetings with each meeting being held in another part of the country. Our second meeting will be around June 1.

I am looking forward to seeing you on March 10 and working with you on behalf of our party and our country.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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