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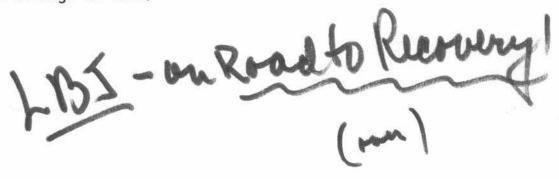
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leaders you have sent to Washington and to tell you how effectively they represent Rhode Island during this time of action and of achievement in America.

It is a time of breaking through old barriers and old prejudices, a time of building new opportunity and new hope. No American generation has lived amid the change we see today. No American generation has met that change so well.

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I am pleased to pay tribute to Senator John

Pastore, a leader in the Senate and in our party.

All of us will long remember his eloquent address to the national convention in Atlantic City when he told the nation how our party had met its commitments to the welfare of the people, to the national prosperity, and to peace in the world. He told us we could campaign proudly on these accomplishments of the Kennedy-Johnson Administration. And Democrats everywhere were moved, and inspired, and went to work.

However, any tribute I could render Senator Pastore would certainly fall short of the one given last November by the voters of Rhode Island. His re-election, by a margin of more than five-to-one, was by far the largest margin in any Senate contest last year anywhere in the country.

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Senator Claiborne Pell, with two great legislative achievements in this Congress already, deserves the same strong support in 1966. On two consecutive days last month, President Johnson signed into law major programs in which Senator Pell had an essential leadership role.

On September 29th, Senator Pell witnessed the signing of a bill establishing a National Foundation of the Arts and Humanities. He not only was the principal sponsor but also managed the bill in the Senate.

The next day, September 30th, Senator Pell again was at the President's side — this time for signing of the High-Speed Ground Transportation Act. This important occasion capped Senator Pell's campaign, begun in 1962, for improved high-speed rail passenger service in the Northeast.

Rhode Island, with Congressmen John Fogarty and Formand St. Germain, also has one of the most effective delegations in the House.

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John Fogarty is nationally recognized as the spokesman for medical research in the Congress. He has waged a long fight for funds to help deal with mental retardation. And his leadership has made possible a greatly expanded search for causes and cures of today's killing and crippling diseases.

Congress in shaping new housing and urban affairs legislation, which establishes at the Cabinet level a strong voice for the people of our cities and metropolitan areas.

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Today we Americans are keenly aware of the high cost of wasted human resources — a cost that is measured in hopelessness and helplessness . . . in resentment and rejection . . . and in the loss to our nation of valuable energy and talent.

This Administration is dedicated to the development of these resources. This Administration is dedicated to the proposition that every American deserves an equal chance to make his tomorrow better than today.

We see the Great Society not as a welfare state,

but as a state of opportunity. While the majority of

Americans are making the most of their abilities --

enjoying the highest standard of living in man's history

there are still far too many Americans living without

that opportunity.



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Inat is why we are today engaged in a war against ignorance, hunger and disease. That is why the American people are united in their dedication to the success of that effort.

We are united as never before in the conviction that every citizen shall be able to vote. And Congress has translated this desire into the law of the land.

We are united in our concern for obtaining good medical care for our parents and grandparents. And we have just witnessed the most sweeping expansion of health care benefits . . . and the greatest extension of welfare benefits . . . in thirty years.

We all want our cities to be better places in which to live and work . . . and we want to preserve our nation's beauty and natural resources and historical landmarks.

And we are passing legislation to accomplish these things.

We are united in our determination that our young people will have adequate preparation for the challenges of the nuclear age and that all of our children will have a chance to obtain a good education. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Vocational Education Amendments, the Manpower Training and Development Act, the Higher Education Act, the Teaching Professions Act — this is legislation that has done more for education than any in our history.

We agree that relatives should not be separated because of barriers created by an outmoded immigration quota system. So we have passed a new immigration law that clears the way for reuniting families with a minimum of delay.

We recognize that America cannot fully realize its potential unless all the people and places in our country are brought into the mainstream of our economy. We are moving ahead in that area with the Economic Opportunity Act, aimed at strengthening the economic and social structures of our nation, and economic development programs to assist entire regions bypassed by our unprecedented prosperity.

Yes, we Americans are united in recognizing our responsibilities in this age, with its possibilities of destruction and its opportunities for progress.

And we are building a strong and free America able to meet these responsibilities.

Prosperity - U.S + Riddard unity - Partnership We know that it is within our means -- for the first time in man's history -- to destroy mankind itself or to extend mankind's benefits to all men.

Our choice is clear. We must resist aggression

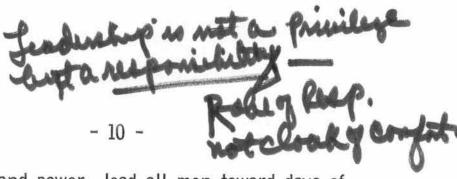
We must help those in the world -- the disinherited, the hungry, the humble, the weak -- who need our help.

And we must pursue peace to the ends of the earth or face the end of the earth.

This, then, is what the Great Society is all about.

It is the recognition that a second car and power mowers and dry martinis are not enough.

It is the recognition that we can right old wrongs and create in America full and equal opportunity. We can offer each person and each community the chance to become a full partner in tomorrow. And we can, with



our wealth and power, lead all men toward days of peace and promise.

The challenge which lie ahead are best expressed,
I think, in a speech President Franklin Roosevelt was
to have delivered on April 13, 1945. They were the
last words he ever wrote:

'The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."

We Democrats are grateful to Rhode Island's Senators and Representatives for helping us compile the greatest legislative record in our history. But we owe them more than gratitude -- we owe them our support.

Next year, Senator Pell and both of your

Representatives will be up for re-election. You also
will have an opportunity to elect a Democratic Governor.

We need these Democrats to realize our goals in this
country.

You know the problems we face. Off-year elections historically have gone against the party in power. But we have a great record to run on in 1966. So if we do the things that have to be done -- if we move forward with strong and active faith -- we can do better than merely holding our own

President Johnson has made clear his commitment to our American tomorrow. I join him in that commitment. We ask your help.

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