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IT'S GREAT TO BE BACK IN NEBRASKA AMONG SO MANY OF  
MY LABOR AND FARM FRIENDS.

I FEEL AT HOME IN NEBRASKA--THE PEOPLE ARE WARM AND  
THE TOWNS ARE FRIENDLY.

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I WAS HERE LAST FALL ON A DIFFERENT MISSION.

I BROUGHT THE SENATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO NEBRASKA SO WE  
COULD UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS AND HOPES OF THE PEOPLE  
ACROSS THE STATE.

--I SAW TOWNS IN WESTERN NEBRASKA THAT WERE DYING  
BECAUSE THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE WERE LEAVING.

--I TALKED TO FARMERS WHO COULDN'T GET LOANS THEY  
NEEDED.

--I HEARD ABOUT THE PROBLEMS OF OBTAINING GOOD HEALTH  
CARE IN COMMUNITIES WITHOUT DOCTORS, NURSES AND HOSPITALS.

--BUT I DID SEE NEW HIGH SCHOOLS, I DID SEE THE TOWN OF  
McCOOK TRYING TO OVERCOME AND FIGHT ITS PROBLEMS.

--AND I DID SEE NEW INDUSTRY, NEW JOBS AND BUSINESS  
COMING INTO THE STATE.

└ I'M HERE ON A NEW MISSION TODAY.

└ I'M HERE TO ASK THE PEOPLE OF NEBRASKA, ITS FARM AND  
LABOR LEADERS TO JOIN WITH ME IN A CRUSADE TO SAVE RURAL  
AMERICA--TO SAVE ITS FARMS, ITS SMALL TOWNS AND ITS  
INDUSTRIES.

MY FRIENDS, TODAY RURAL AMERICA NEEDS TO BE SAVED  
FROM A REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON THAT  
IGNORES THE FARMER, THAT IS INSENSITIVE AND UNFAIR TO  
WORKING FAMILIES, BIASED AGAINST THE CONSUMER AND TOTALLY  
IGNORANT OF THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF NEBRASKA.

YOU AND I HAVE ONE IMPORTANT GOAL: TO SEE THAT  
RICHARD NIXON GOES BACK TO CALIFORNIA AND EARL BUTZ GOES  
BACK TO HIS IVORY TOWER IN INDIANA NEXT NOVEMBER.

NIXON AND BUTZ--THE TWO ~~ENEMIES~~ <sup>BURDENS</sup> OF THE FARMER  
AND THE WORKINGMAN.

IT'S NIXON AND BUTZ WHO ARE TELLING THE FARMER HOW  
GOOD HE'S GOT IT THIS YEAR. AND THEN IN THE SAME BREATH  
THEY CONDUCT PERSONAL CAMPAIGNS TO KILL THE STRATEGIC  
GRAIN RESERVE BILL AND LOAN RATE INCREASES FOR WHEAT AND  
FEED GRAIN PRODUCERS. TWO MEASURES WHICH I PROPOSED WHICH  
WOULD HAVE INCREASED THE VALUE OF 1973 CROPS BY \$3 BILLION.

AND IT'S RICHARD NIXON WHO'S ALLOWED UNEMPLOYMENT TO  
CLIMB OVER FIVE MILLION, WHO'S FROZEN WAGES AND THAWED  
PRICES, WHO'S BROKEN HIS PROMISE TO US THAT HE WOULD BRING  
INFLATION UNDER CONTROL.

L IT'S NIXON AND BUTZ WHO HAVE BEEN TELLING LIVESTOCK  
FARMERS HOW HAPPY THEY ARE ABOUT THE HIGHER PRICES THEY  
ARE NOW RECEIVING, WHILE PERMITTING AN ADDITIONAL 176  
MILLION POUNDS OF BEEF TO BE IMPORTED IN ORDER TO DRIVE  
THOSE PRICES BACK DOWN.

L IT'S RICHARD NIXON WHO HAS GIVEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
THREE YEARS OF THE HIGHEST BUDGET DEFICITS SINCE WORLD  
WAR II. L I WANT TO KNOW, WHAT DID NEBRASKANS GET FOR  
\$90 BILLION WORTH OF BUDGET DEFICITS. L IS THERE MORE  
EMPLOYMENT HERE? ARE YOUR PRICES LOWER?

L AND IT'S NIXON AND BUTZ WHO HAVE REFUSED TO SPEND  
\$109 MILLION FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMS, \$58 MILLION  
FOR SMALL COMMUNITY WASTE TREATMENT PLANTS, AND \$75 MILLION  
FOR FARM OPERATING LOAN FUNDS.

L IT'S RICHARD NIXON WHO HAS LED THIS NATION TO ITS FIRST  
BALANCE OF TRADE DEFICIT IN 80 YEARS-- ~~AND THAT HURTS~~  
AGRICULTURE BECAUSE WE HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN AN  
AGRICULTURAL EXPORTING NATION.

4 / AND IT'S NIXON AND BUTZ WHO WON'T GIVE FEED GRAIN  
PRODUCERS ADVANCE PAYMENTS WHICH I HAVE REQUESTED IT'S  
NIXON AND BUTZ WHO HAVE A SET ASIDE PROGRAM THAT'S LEADING  
WHEAT AND FEED GRAIN FARMERS DOWN THE ROAD TO ECONOMIC RUIN.

L IT'S RICHARD NIXON WHO HAS FOISTED THE HIGHEST  
INTEREST AND CREDIT RATES ON THE AMERICAN FAMILY SINCE  
THE CIVIL WAR.

L IT'S RICHARD NIXON WHO GAVE THE BIG CORPORATIONS,  
THE GIANT CONGLOMERATES, AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANKERS  
AND FINANCIERS A \$9BILLION TAX BREAK WHILE *the average citizen*

*just* LESS THAN \$67 A PIECE.

L IT'S RICHARD NIXON AND EARL BUTZ WHO HAVE A PHASE-OUT  
PLAN OF THE FAMILY FARM.

L ~~AND WE MUST PHASE OUT EARL BUTZ.~~

L I'VE BEEN FIGHTING THE BATTLE OF THE FARMER AND THE  
WORKINGMAN ALL MY LIFE.



AS YOUR PRESIDENT I WOULD NEVER APPOINT A SECRETARY  
OF LABOR AND A SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WHO SEARCH FOR  
THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE BOARD ROOMS OF LARGE CORPORATE  
INTERESTS.

L I KNOW YOUR PROBLEMS FROM FIRST HAND EXPERIENCE AND  
I WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM.

L I HAVE PROPOSED A COMPREHENSIVE, DETAILED TAX REFORM  
PROGRAM TO CUT YOUR PROPERTY TAXES AND MAKE THE SUPER-RICH,  
THE BIG BANKERS AND THE GIANT CORPORATIONS PAY THEIR FAIR  
SHARE.

L I'VE PROPOSED A COMPREHENSIVE RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM, NEW CREDIT SYSTEMS AND LOW INTEREST LOANS.

1 I'VE PROPOSED AN ECONOMIC PROGRAM THAT WOULD PROVIDE  
MORE JOBS, STIMULATE CONSUMER SPENDING AND DAMPEN THE FIRES  
OF INFLATION.

2 I HAVE A RECORD OF BEING A DOER FOR THE WORKINGMAN AND  
THE FARMER.

3 WITH YOUR HELP I'M GOING TO WIN IN 1972 AND THE DOORS  
OF THE WHITE HOUSE WILL BE OPEN ONCE MORE TO THE FARMER,  
THE WORKINGMAN, THE YOUNG, AND THE PEOPLE OF NEBRASKA.

Nebraska Farm Labor Forum

Omaha March 23 1:30 pm

It's great to be back in Nebraska among so many of my labor and farm friends.

I feel at home in Nebraska -- the people are warm and the towns are friendly.

I was here last fall on a different mission. I brought the Senate Rural Development to Nebraska so we could understand the problems and hopes of the people across the state.

-- I saw towns in Western Nebraska that were dying because their young people were leaving.

-- I talked to farmers who couldn't get loans they needed.

-- I heard about the problems of obtaining good health care <sup>in</sup> communities without doctors, nurses and hospitals.

-- But I did see new high schools, I did see the town of McCook trying to overcome and fight its problems.

-- And I did see new industry, new jobs and business coming into the state.

I'm here on a <sup>new</sup> ~~different~~ mission today.

I'm here to ask the people of Nebraska, its farm and labor leaders to join with me in a crusade to save rural America -- to save its farms, its small towns and its industries.

My friends, today rural America needs to be saved from a Republican Administration in Washington that ignores the farmer, that is insensitive and unfair to working families, biased against the consumer and totally ignorant of the needs of the people of Nebraska.

You and I have one important goal: to see that Richard Nixon goes back to California and Earl Butz goes back to his ivory tower in Indiana next November.

Nixon and Butz -- the two worst friends of the farmer and the workingman.

It's Nixon and Butz who are telling the farmer how good he's got it this year. And then in the same breath they conduct personal campaigns to kill the Strategic Grain Reserve Bill and loan rate increases for wheat and feed grain producers. Two measures which I proposed which would have increased the value of 1973 crops by \$3 billion dollars.

And it's Richard Nixon who's allowed unemployment to climb over five million, who's frozen wages and thawed prices, who's broken his promise to us that he would bring inflation under control

**Farmers** It's Nixon and Butz who have been telling livestock how happy they are about the higher prices they are now receiving, while permitting an additional 176 million pounds of beef to be imported in order to drive those prices back down.

It's Richard Nixon who has given the American people three years of the highest budget deficits since World War II. I want to know, what did Nebraskans get for \$90 billion worth of budget deficits. Is there more employment here? Are your prices lower?

And it's Nixon and Butz who have refused to spend \$109 million for rural electrification programs, \$58 million for small community waste treatment plants, and \$75 million for farm operating loan funds.

It's Richard Nixon who has led this nation to its first balance of trade deficit in eighty years -- and that hurts agriculture because we have traditionally been an agricultural exporting nation.

And it's Nixon and Butz who won't give feed grain producers advance payments which I have requested. It's Nixon and Butz who have ~~set aside~~ a set aside program that's leading wheat and feed grain farmers down the road to economic ruin.

It's Richard Nixon who has foisted the highest interest and credit rates on the American family since the civil war.

It's Richard Nixon who gave the big corporations, the giant conglomerates, and the international bankers and financiers a \$9 billion ~~dollar~~ tax break while you and I got less than \$67 apiece.

It's Richard Nixon and Earl Butz who have a phase-out plan of the family farm.

And we must phase out Earl Butz.

I've been fighting the battle of the farmer and the workingman all my life.

As your President I would never appoint a Secretary of Labor and a Secretary of Agriculture who search for the public interest in the board rooms of large corporate interests.

I know your problems from first hand experience and I want to do something about them.

I have proposed a comprehensive, detailed tax reform program to cut your property taxes and make the super rich, the big bankers and the giant corporations pay their fair share.

I've proposed a comprehensive rural development program, new credit systems and low interest loans.

I've proposed an economic program that would provide more jobs, stimulate consumer spending and dampen the fires of inflation.

I have a record of being a doer for the workingman and the farmer.

With your help I'm going to win in 1972 and the doors of the White House will be open once more to the farmer, the workingman, the young, and the people of Nebraska.



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