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Letter from a New Jersey Supporter to Geraldine Ferraro

Geraldine Ferraro

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DATE: AUG. 16, 1984
FROM: MRS. [REDACTED]
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EAST BRUNSWICK, N.J. 08816

TO: MS. GERALDINE FERRARO, VICE-PRES. NOMINEE

It is with great hope and interest, that a possibility exists, that a Democratic Administration will occupy the White House, beginning Jan. 1985.

During the present Administration, The White House, along with Congress, have seen fit to seriously damage the lifestyles of Senior Citizens. My husband is a retired Federal Employee, and is also a disabled veteran, who has served this country faithfully since 1941. My husband is 68 yrs. old and fears for our future growth daily with recent and future planned cutbacks in Veterans and employee retirement benefits.

Potential
use in
speeches.
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Political Statements have been made that people in our age bracket are usually living in a paid up home, well that's not true in our case, and many, many others. We've lived in apartments all our married life, (31 yrs) and when my husband was employed by the F.A.A. and we were transferred around from State to State, we didn't cost the Government money by having

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them pay for a downpayment on a home; and later paying for the sale of it, we lived in apts. Now at this age the so called "Golden Age," fears for our economic security are rekindled almost daily. The President Reagan Admin. is apparently bent on balancing a two hundred million dollar budget deficit, on the backs of Senior Citizens. Could it be because we are not nimble enough to take to the streets in large groups, and march in front of the White House?

While a large segment of the population, who receive Social Security benefits, in the same relative income group as we are not taxed, our Federal Retirement Pension Benefits are taxed dollar for dollar. Also, the fortunate homeowner is allowed deductions on his mortgage interest, renters such as we, can make no such deductions. To further reduce our retirement benefits, is slowly edging us toward poverty row. Our medication alone each month averages approx \$90 ⁰⁰/_{xx}.

During the upcoming Presidential debates both

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you and Mr. Mondale may be interested
in using some of the forgoing in debating
President Reagan.

God Bless all your future efforts on behalf
of the people of the United States.

Sincerely, [Redacted]

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Senior citizens

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