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Manchester, CT July 26, 1984

Dear Gerry,

I just wanted you to know how glad I am that you have been nominated for the vice presidency on the democratic ticket.

To have a woman finally run for this office has given many of us more self respect and confidence.

I know Ronald Reagan has been saying how much more the needy have been helped since he has been in office. I honestly believe he doesn't know what he is talking about. For example - my sister's husband left her and her three children about six years ago. She has two sons, and and ages 23 and 19 and who is 14 years old.

Because of having muscular dystrophy, both and are confined to wheel chairs.

When Reagan first took office my sister received approximately \$80 in food stamps each month. As the last few years have gone by and Reagan started cutting social services, her food stamps dwindled to approximately \$60 a month, then \$12, then down to nothing.

Fortunately, under the workfare program for welfare mothers, my sister got a job at our community college here in Manchester. She works a few hours two days a week, and the \$30 that she makes goes toward her grocery bill.

So many people who have had it hard most of their lives are finding it still harder since Mr. Reagan took office.

So, this is to let you know that you and Walter Mondale have my vote this coming November and continued prayers. I know that you will both do a good job.

Good luck to you both.

Very sincerely,

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