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Dear Idessa E Redden,

President Clinton asked me to thank you and other important Democratic leaders from across the country for the support you've extended to him and to the Party during this difficult year.

That's why I'm sending you a personal copy of the 1997 Presidential Photograph -- with his compliments. Along with your photo, you will find a special note of thanks from the President.

Your support as a leader within the Party -- especially during this difficult time -- has meant much to the President.

Standing by him throughout this first year of his historic second term has made a major political impact. With your help, during his first term, the President and the Party were able to effectively fight back against this Republican Congress -- preventing them from totally gutting over 60 years of Democratic progress.

But your support has also meant a lot to him personally. While our Party has become the target of unfair, partisan attacks by the Republicans in recent weeks, you have never wavered.

These GOP hearings have turned into a partisan witch hunt, designed to undermine, paralyze and ultimately destroy the Democratic Party. I won't let that happen to our Party, and I know you won't either. Simply put, your dedication to the President and the Party is unmatched.

This photograph is a small token of his appreciation -- to thank you for your unwavering dedication to the Party and the President's agenda for a better future for all Americans.

I need to assure the President's staff that you received this photograph -- so please be certain to sign and return the enclosed confirmation of delivery form I have also included. It is important that you return this form so we will know you received your photograph promptly and in good condition.

And when you return your delivery confirmation form, I hope you will also consider enclosing a generous contribution to help us in this critical year before the 1998 elections.

This fall, we have two too-close-to-call governors' races -- in New Jersey and in Virginia -- where we have a real chance to pick up two seats and set the stage for victory in the 1998 Congressional elections.

The Republicans did not achieve everything they wanted in 1996, and they will not be satisfied until they have achieved a total takeover of Washington. They're determined to solidify their hold on the Congress in next year's elections, with an eye toward regaining the White House in 2000. They have already put their plan into motion by slowing the Democratic Party's work with their taxpayer-financed hearings.

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Unfortunately, their strategy is having an impact. While they're using millions of dollars of taxpayer money to run these partisan hearings, the GOP is raising enormous sums of cash to pump into the 1998 races.

Rather than work to correct the problems both Parties have faced, the Republicans seek to distract voters from the issues that really matter: health care for our children, the financial tools all Americans need to contribute to our society, and a healthy environment for generations to come.

For the sake of the nation -- now and in the future -- we cannot allow them to succeed. The consequences of a government under the full control of the Republican Party will be nothing short of devastating.

The 1998 elections are only one year away -- and we must act now to stop the tidal wave of Republican candidates vying for Congressional seats and the 36 more gubernatorial positions that will be contested next year.

That's why it's critically important that we raise as much money as possible to counter the Republicans and be able to put our best efforts behind Democratic candidates. The Republicans raised and spent \$200 million more than we did in 1996 and they are well on their way to raising huge sums for this election. And, thanks to their undying efforts to cripple our Party with their hearings, they are way ahead in the race.

But we can do it. We will have to win back only 6 seats in the Senate, and only 11 seats in the House to foil the Republican plan and regain Congress. And with an extremely high number of freshman Republicans in marginal districts, we stand a great chance of retaking Capitol Hill ...

... but only if we have your continued support.

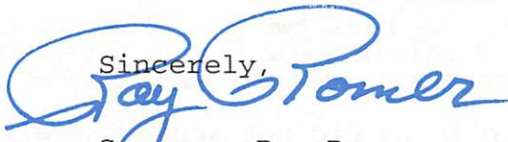
We must match the Republicans -- dollar for dollar -- to win. Without your support now, we will quickly fall further behind -- and once we do, it will be impossible to catch up with them.

As I stated before, your support as a leader within the Democratic Party has been crucial to the President and our Party. And now, as we face an uphill battle before a crucial election year, we need your support more than ever.

The future of the White House may be safe for now, but you and I know that a continued Republican grip on Congress can do much to change that future in two short years.

So please, when you return your delivery confirmation form, include a generous contribution to aid our efforts in the coming year. And once again, let me offer the President's thanks for your dedication and loyal support.

Sincerely,



Governor Roy Romer
General Chair

P.S. The President hopes that you and your family will enjoy this small token of his appreciation. Please be certain to let us know you received it in good condition by returning the enclosed delivery confirmation form as soon as possible. And also please consider enclosing a generous contribution to aid our efforts in next year's elections. Your support is desperately needed at this critical time.