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ANDREW H. CARD, JR.

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

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2 GOVERNOR VOINOVICH: ... design engineer in
3 the private sector.

4 Secretary Card served as a member of the
5 Massachusetts House of Representatives for eight years
6 and was named Legislator of the Year by the National
7 Republican Legislators Association in '82, the same
8 year he ran for governor of Massachusetts. Can you
9 imagine what a different state Massachusetts would have
10 been with Andy Card as the governor?

11 (Laughter)

12 GOVERNOR VOINOVICH: Secretary Card went on
13 to serve in several capacities in the White House under
14 both Presidents Reagan and Bush, an insider in the
15 White House, folks, that knows how it is on the street;
16 and in the White House you deal with constituents, you
17 listen to complaints. People are fed up with dealing
18 with the Federal bureaucracy.

19 Andy, I am sure that there were many times
20 when people called you and moaned and groaned and said,
21 man, would I like an opportunity to get out there and
22 deal with that bureaucracy. Well, folks, he's doing
23 it. He's doing an outstanding job as Secretary of
24 Transportation.

25 I can tell you from my own personal

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1 experience several matters that have been very, very
2 important to the State of Ohio, including one that
3 we're still working on but I think is going to come
4 into fruition.

5 Andy Card has been able to pierce the
6 bureaucratic wall that's there, get down, as you know,
7 into the bowels of the Department of Transportation,
8 and make that agency function.

9 I want you to know one other thing, and
10 President Bush is getting no credit for it, but this
11 administration is doing a fantastic job of getting the
12 government off our back and streamlining the operation;
13 and it's because of the class guys like Andy Card that
14 you got working for us. Let's hear it for Andy and the
15 State of Ohio.

16 (Applause)

17 SECRETARY CARD: Thank you very much.
18 Governor Voinovich is doing just a fantastic job for
19 Ohio, and when we are not doing our job for Ohio,
20 believe me, Governor Voinovich makes the call that
21 makes the difference. So I say, you're lucky to have
22 him, and we're lucky to have his input, because he
23 tweaks us in the right direction all the time. So,
24 thank you.

25 (Applause)

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1 Mayor Lashutka, Reagan and I had breakfast
2 in the White House before he -- just as he was getting
3 ready to start his campaign for Mayor, and he's made a
4 tremendous difference for this city, and we're proud
5 that he's on the team. He's really a star, and watch
6 for him to go a long way. He's going to be a real
7 standout, and Bob Bennett is doing a terrific job for
8 the party, and I would be remiss if I didn't mention
9 him.

10 (Applause)

11 Governor Romer, who has really been a
12 friend to Presidents and a supporter of President Bush
13 for a long time and helped him provide great
14 leadership. So I say thank you to Governor Romer.

15 (Applause)

16 This election is turning out to be all
17 about change and how lucky we are, because we are the
18 party of change, and George Bush is the agent of
19 change. I can give you a long list of changes that he
20 brought to reality and an even longer list of changes
21 that he is going to bring to reality, once we can
22 change Congress.

23 I'd like to see your help in that, because
24 that's the change that has to take place in Washington,
25 is to change Congress; but I want you to look back.

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1 The Governor mentioned it, but just look back three
2 years ago today.

3 The Berlin Wall separated Berlin. East and
4 West Germany were two nations. Poland, Czechoslovakia,
5 and Hungary were Communist countries; behind a barbed
6 wire fence, the Iron Curtain. The Soviet Union hung as
7 a dark cloud over all democracies of the world and a
8 threat to our children.

9 Now take a look today. The Wall is down.
10 Germany is one. Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary
11 are democratic. The Soviet Union doesn't exist. We
12 have new allies, greater opportunities.

13 That is the most dramatic change in our
14 lifetime, and President Bush made that change possible
15 by standing on the foundation that Ronald Reagan built
16 and carrying the torch of freedom and passing it at the
17 right time.

18 That's real change, but America is looking
19 for other changes as well. They're looking for change
20 at home. President Bush has been looking for changes
21 at home, and he's called on Congress to bring those
22 changes to reality.

23 Right after the success of Desert Shield
24 and Desert Storm when the President took the rostrum in
25 the House of Representatives to speak not just to

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1 America but to the whole world, the President didn't
2 end by talking about what had just happened in the
3 Persian Gulf. He talked about what had to happen in
4 America.

5 He challenged Congress to bring change to
6 America by moving forward within 100 days -- Remember
7 that charge? -- pass within 100 days a crime bill; take
8 a look at tort reform; pass an education bill; deal
9 with health care; deal with our economy; and pass a
10 transportation bill.

11 Now you might say, pass a transportation
12 bill? The President talked about passing a
13 transportation bill within 100 days, because he knew
14 what it would mean for America. So the President
15 pushed and pushed and pushed; but, you know, literally
16 on this day the 100 days expired, and Congress didn't
17 do any of its job.

18 (Boo. Boo.)

19 There was 0 for everything.

20 The good news is Congress finally did its
21 job on transportation, but it didn't happen until
22 December of last year, and they passed and put into law
23 a brand new law with two brand new words in it: One
24 word, intermodal. Strange word, never existed in law
25 before, but it means the common sense, seamless

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1 transportation network that we have to have for
2 Congress.

3 The other word is an old word, but it's one
4 that's always understood in the real world but never
5 remembered in government, and that's efficiency. The
6 name of the bill is the Intermodal Surface
7 Transportation Efficiency Act, and the President signed
8 it into law last December, and it has represented a
9 revolution in transportation, not a revolution that
10 makes front page news but a revolution that changes the
11 way work is done and thinking is done in transportation
12 in Congress's move.

13 Now that bill, which the President called
14 for during his greatest opportunity, does something
15 else. It creates jobs. Think what would have happened
16 if that bill that pumps \$150 billion into our economy -
17 - if that bill had passed in June a year ago.

18 We would have had \$20 billion to start
19 spending on roads and bridges and buses and transit
20 systems and highways, starting last September. We
21 would have had 220,000 jobs supported as a result of
22 that \$20 billion investment, and it would have started
23 in the pipeline last September, just when our economy
24 needed it, just when we needed that boost, and you
25 would have found great opportunities, but Congress

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1 didn't act in time.

2 So now we're having to push the system all
3 that much harder to get that \$20 billion up, and the
4 good news is we're starting to do it. The bad news is
5 we could have done it last September.

6 That is the President's thinking about this
7 economy. He knows that we have to jump start it with
8 jobs, and he's doing it.

9 I want to tell you what we just witnessed
10 in New York City. We witnessed some terrific rhetoric,
11 some of the best speakers in politics, Jesse Jackson,
12 Mario Cuomo, Zell Miller gave rousing speeches, and the
13 rhetoric flowed.

14 Bill Clinton and Al Gore -- They can all
15 spin a phrase. They can tell a great story, but they
16 don't tell the truth, because their rhetoric doesn't
17 match their record, and it certainly doesn't match the
18 Democratic platform.

19 That's what we have to do. We have to make
20 sure that people look beyond their rhetoric to their
21 record, to the Democrat platform, because their
22 rhetoric was change. Their record is status quo.

23 The rhetoric was change, but the platform
24 is change for the bad. It's change to the way Jimmy
25 Carter brought change. It's change to the way Walter

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1 Mondale promised change. It's change to the way
2 Michael Dukakis promised a miracle.

3 That platform is not what we're all about
4 in change. That platform is a \$150 billion tax
5 increase over two years. That platform is \$220 billion
6 of new spending over two years. You don't have to be
7 a mathematical genius to add up \$150 billion -- or
8 subtract \$150 billion from \$220 billion and realize
9 there's a deficit.

10 That means the deficit goes up. So the
11 Democratic platform is the platform of the Democratic
12 party of old and the Democratic party of tomorrow.
13 It's no change at all.

14 Bill Clinton is a failed governor of a
15 small state. His state ranks at or near the bottom on
16 every single item, just about as bad as you can get;
17 and he had a Democratic legislature to help him get to
18 the bottom.

19 (Applause)

20 Al Gore -- Mr. Moderate, Al Gore: The
21 National Journal rated Al Gore at a 92 percent liberal
22 rating and a zero percent conservative rating. That's
23 not moderate. Al Gore had the National Taxpayers Union
24 rate him in 1989 and 1990 as the biggest spender in the
25 Senate, bigger than Ted Kennedy, bigger than Al

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1 Cranston, bigger than Howard Metzenbaum. That's --

2 (Applause)

3 That's what the Democrats are all about,
4 the same old game, tax and spend for special interests.
5 So if we talk about change, we know what real change
6 is, because the President has provided it. He's
7 provided it to the world.

8 When we talk about the need for change, we
9 talk about President Bush, because he offers it, and
10 with a changed Congress he will deliver it.

11 Thank you very, very much.

12 (Applause)

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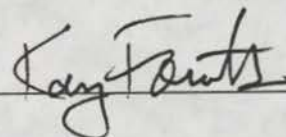
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