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April 30, 1982

President Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

**SEVENTH BIENNIAL SESSION
NATIONAL CONVOCATION
OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
AUGUST 3-7, 1982**

Dear Mr. President:

You are urged to bring American values back into focus again by cutting expenditures for projected military budgets and restoring cuts and living expense provisions for the poor and needy served by Federal programs.

If proposed cuts in the cost of living increases for recipients of Social Security are voted for the period (1982-85) an individual would lose a total of \$2,544 and a couple \$3,804. Older Americans would lose 90 billion dollars in benefits in the next four years.

If cuts in the Child Care Food Program in 1983 are voted thru a block grant that would be funded at 488 million dollars it would result in a 50% overall reduction in two years (1981-83). Twelve states' Child Care Programs would be terminated.

Cuts of 30 to 40 million dollars in the military could be made in the 1983 budget proposals without harming national security. In 1981 a House Arm Services Committee member estimated that 8 billion dollars could be saved by eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse.

Funding for the Food Stamp Program in 1983 is 9.5 billion dollars, only 80% of what it would cost to maintain current services. Thousands of needy families will be adversely affected by such cuts.

In my own state of residence some metropolitan areas are experiencing up to 16% of unemployment for the first time in this century.

We urge you to use your good offices to bring basic American values back into focus by cutting military expenditures and making adequate resotations of money to such human-service programs. Your cooperation is most critical and necessary.

Sincerely yours,

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