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Chairman

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The Honorable Robert Dole
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Dear Bob:

As you know, the editorial writers of the Establishment press and the White House are portraying Mr. Clinton's NAFTA as a "free trade" deal that will sweep away barriers to private enterprise.

That claim is bogus and fraudulent.

NAFTA is 2,000 pages of rules, regulations and laws that would supersede U.S. state laws, give trinational bureaucrats access to U.S. factories, subject the U.S. to multi-million dollar fines and punitive sanctions, and dilute America's sovereignty.

Far from being "free trade," NAFTA is an insiders' deal among trinational elites, an American Maastricht. And just as Margaret Thatcher has fought a Maastricht treaty that dilutes British sovereignty, ought not we Americans, here in our own country, fight a NAFTA that restricts and diminishes U.S. freedom, liberty, and sovereignty?

What is NAFTA really all about?

Mickey Kantor, who negotiated the "side agreements" for Bill Clinton, told us pointedly in *The Wall Street Journal* of August 17: NAFTA is about power.

Under "NAFTA's environmental provisions," Kantor writes, "no country in the agreement can lower its environmental standards--ever...if a country doesn't go after its polluters, we will...the supplemental agreements will help ensure...[t]hat no nation will lower labor or environmental standards, only raise them."

Big Government, frozen in ice. That alone should kill NAFTA for Republicans, who yet believe in rolling back the mega-state.

But there is more. NAFTA is backdoor foreign aid, a vast wealth transfer from the U.S. to Mexico that could put up to \$10 billion in U.S. grants and U.S.-backed loans into the hands of the bureaucrats of Carlos Salinas--to clean up a mess in their own backyard for which they, not we, are responsible. When are we going to stop looting America--to bail out foreign regimes?

The vote on NAFTA will go far toward defining what Republicans stand for--in the post-Cold War era. Will we join hands with Bill Clinton to create another supranational bureaucracy, empowered to impose fines and trade sanctions on our own country? Or will

we remain true to our heritage, ideals and principles, and to the dream of our founding fathers that America always and ever shall remain free and independent, her destiny forever in the hands of only her own people?

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pat", enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

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P.S. Enclosed is a slim package of articles on NAFTA I hope you will peruse, as the debate heats up.