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~~WELFARE, SOCIAL~~/food stamps

November 3, 1975

Mr. Jack Brooks  
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Dear Jack:

Appreciated receiving your letter and pamphlet.

Believe that much of the criticism directed toward my food stamp "self-certification" proposal stems from misinformation about the plan, which was given in the hearings before the House of Representatives and has been printed and repeated elsewhere since (as in the pamphlet you sent to me). My plan would not have allowed ineligible recipients to receive food stamps. The same eligibility verification procedures which now apply would have applied under my proposal. The only difference would be that recipients would not face the unconscionable bureaucratic delays in receiving the benefits to which the law entitles them.

As the author of a food stamp reform bill, I take the position that much more is needed than simply the "self-certification" proposal. The bill which I recently introduced will tighten eligibility requirements, reduce the cost of bureaucratic inefficiency and make the assistance that is truly needed available in the most expedient manner possible.

This bill establishes for the first time a ceiling on the amount of income a household may have and still qualify for food stamps, and bars college students who are tax dependents of ineligible families from getting stamps. Have enclosed a copy of my press release on this bill which will further explain my position, as well as the legislation.

Again, thanks for writing. It was good hearing from you, and hope to see you soon.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE  
United States Senator

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October 27, 1975

The Honorable Bob Dole  
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Dear Bob:

As best I can, I like to keep you informed on what I hear concerning the issues that seem to be of importance to your supporters in my neck of the woods.

I have had several calls and a number of conversations concerning your position on Food Stamps that happen to be the same as Senator McGovern and Senator Hugh Scott.

Those who have talked to me seem to favor Senator Jesse Helms and the Senators who have joined him. Am enclosing a phamplet that was sent to me regarding the subject.

Perhaps it's just that they cannot understand your being for anything that Senator McGovern would favor.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Jack Brooks

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