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DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT

TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON STATE:

I am pleased to add my name to the list of leaders in Washington State who today are urging the passage of the 19 year old vote. A lowered voting age is something to which I have been committed all my public life.

My travels across the Nation this fall have reaffirmed my faith in young people. I find them aware, articulate, concerned with today's problems, and eager to do something about solving them. I believe the lowering of the voting age to be the most significant step we, as leaders of government, can take to tap this intelligent enthusiasm for the betterment of our society.

I have also been committed to the concept of lowering the voting age by constitutional amendment and by action of the State. For this reason, I was encouraged to learn that "Vote 19" has continued its strong campaign even though the Federal constitution passed an 18 year old vote bill. I hope that the voters of Washington State will join with the members of my Administration, Vice President Agnew, and myself in the belief that American young people should be extended the franchise.

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DRAFT LETTER FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

TO THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON STATE:

I wish to join with President Nixon in urging the voters of Washington State to pass the 19 year old vote. The "Vote 19" campaign organization exemplifies the kind of dedicated young person which should be a source of optimism to us all about the future of this Nation.

It is my hope that the State of Washington -- historically a leader in extending the voting franchise -- will lead again and give its young the right to vote.