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Honorable George Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
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Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Black Republicans Civil Rights Task Force, an organization dedicated to keep the general public aware of the historical leadership role of the Republican Party in civil rights, I write to strongly urge that you support the Civil Rights Bill of 1990, which has been passed by the Congress. As your long time supporters, we are aware, Mr. President, that you personally know more Black Americans than any person who has ever occupied the esteemed office of the Presidency, and we are therefore hopeful that you will find among them persons whose honor and judgment you can trust with regard to these issues so central to our survival in particular and the racial harmony of the Nation in general. It is disturbing to note at this late date how much weight is given to the opinions of those who continue to oppose this Civil Rights Bill in view of their personal limited experience as compared with persons and organizations whose priority for existence has been to eradicate the historic injustice in our society up from slavery that brought about a need for the government to provide legal protection for African American citizens.

We believe Mr. President that those who advise opposition to this Bill which essentially restores rights that existed over the past 18 years, lack the sensitivity to see the destructive implications of such an action to the thirty to forty percent Black military personnel poised for war in the Middle East. This clearly is an open invitation for the enemy to exploit through propaganda techniques.

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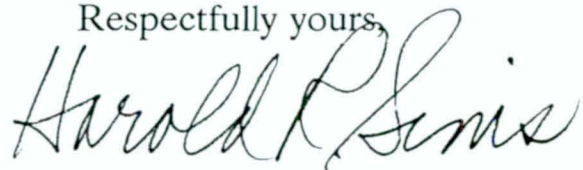
Mr. President, you personally, through your constructive sense of purpose, your appeal to the Thousand Points of Light has earned the approval of all Americans. Black Americans, for the first time in the history, are giving you, a Republican, the same approval rating as are other Americans.

As Black Republicans we know that it was a Republican led Supreme Court which launched the modern day civil rights movement, and a Republican, President Eisenhower, who enforced its implementation. Therefore, we welcome your politics of inclusiveness which has gained favor with all Americans.

To veto this Civil Rights Bill would be a setback for your constructive leadership in the eyes of many Americans and would be disastrous with Black Americans.

Black Americans understand that quotas are restrictive and therefore would be the first to resist any such mandate. The Civil Rights Bill of 1990 holds no restrictive threats but rather is a safeguard against discrimination. Again, Mr. President we urge you to sign this Bill. To do otherwise would send the wrong signal to the Nation and the world and particularly to the Third World.

Respectfully yours,



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