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Letter from M.P. Kobelinski and R.M. Powell to Steering Committee Member

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Dear Steering Committee Member:

As the election results poured in last Tuesday evening and the magnitude of President Elect Ronald Reagan’s victory became apparent, we both felt a deep sense of gratitude for the wisdom that the American people were expressing at the polls.

Your part, as one of the 293 national small business leaders who helped the millions of Americans identified with the small business community to understand the personal importance of this election for them, was most significant.

Together, you and the other small business leaders comprising the Steering Committee established a network of contacts that reached those in literally thousands of communities throughout the 50 states. Four or five examples will illustrate the magnificent job which was accomplished by our volunteer committee members.

Bernard Browning, our Executive Committee member from Maryland, established a pyramidal network that reached as many as 100,000 people. Don Sexton established groups in various cities in Texas who carried out an extensive and enthusiastic telephone campaign. Charles Akerlow and his colleagues in the Western Mountain States utilized the knowledge and skills gained in getting Senator Garn from Utah elected in a previous campaign, and conducted a coordinated, effective canvassing of the western states. The election results in those states reflected, in part, their efforts.

In California, Chuck and Glenda Embick talked with each of the many customers who came into their place of business, and Glenda went out into the community to talk to the business and professional women.

All across the nation the story is the same--great concerted effort on your part. Before the election the New York Times contacted us and found it difficult to believe that a group such as ours could do what we were doing. They wondered why President Carter didn’t have such a group.
The Steering Committee of which you are a part represents the best nation-wide source of information, advice and support that an incoming President could hope to have. The calls from many of you desiring to continue to assist the new Reagan Administration are greatly appreciated.

In keeping with the spirit of Governor Reagan’s announcement when our National Small Business People Committee was officially sanctioned, we feel sure that your continuing interest and assistance will be most welcome.

We intend to keep the committee intact and to offer the contributions of those of you who have worked so hard to elect Mr. Reagan, as a national volunteer small business advisory council to the new administration. You will be kept informed as to the progress that is being made.

Again, many thanks for your tremendous assistance in providing the nation with a new direction and a new hope.

With best regards,

Mitchell P. Kobelinski
Co-Chairman

And

Sincerely,

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Co-Chairman

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