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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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NEEDS ATTENTION BY 5 P.M. FRIDAY!!

Dear Colleague:

I am seeking your support in asking President Reagan not to back away from his campaign pledge to abolish registration for the draft.

The importance of a strong military cannot be denied and it is a goal we should continue to pursue.

However, the \$13.3 million draft registration plan initiated by former President Jimmy Carter in response to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan has not resulted in the withdrawal of one Soviet soldier from that country.

In addition, the plan has not been shown to significantly increase mobilization time and has not answered critical questions about the quality and quantity of our armed forces.

Under these circumstances, it is a waste of money to continue registration at an estimated cost of \$2 per man, particularly when a number of crucially important programs are falling by the wayside.

During his presidential campaign, President Reagan repeatedly said that draft registration was not necessary in peacetime. I am asking that he uphold that promise by recommending that funding for registration be cut from his 1982 budget.

If you wish to cosign the attached letter, please contact Tammy Tierney of my staff at 5-0855 before 5 p.m. Friday.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Les AuCoin".

LES AUCOIN
Member of Congress

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