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Dear Fellow Americans:

*A Time for Choosing...*

*"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." by Ronald Reagan, October 27, 1964.*

In 1964, Ronald Reagan was engaged in public speaking events and was asked by the Republican Party to air a speech for the 1964 Presidential campaign. Watching what was occurring within our great nation at the time, Mr. Reagan thought it paramount to alert Americans about the value of freedom. His speech, titled, "A Time for Choosing," also known as the "Freedom Speech," sought to unify the American people around the shared common goal of pursuing freedom, which he emphasized wasn't a guarantee. He aimed to motivate listeners out of complacency, to inspire them to keep fighting for the freedom that he knew could be at risk if they weren't vigilant. That idea has survived for generations and serves as a clarion call to not lose sight of the value of freedom—and the risks of it dissipating from American society.

In 2024, 60 years will have passed since Reagan aired his electrifying speech, and the message to Americans back then is just as strong as ever today. We cannot be complacent. Conservatives, Patriots, America First, and the Grassroots have thrown the Republican Party a curve ball. Those that have been complacent have awakened and are willing to fight for our freedom. Instead of embracing the strength that each one of these named groups has to offer, we have been too busy trying to determine who is too far to the R and who is too far to the L, thereby widening the gap and failing to focus on being unified, just what the Democrats want to see. Challenge: Instead of labeling these groups, can we take a different approach and look at what are the commonalities? I believe we can...

#### Mission Statement

To support individual liberties and opportunities guaranteed in the United States Constitution by electing Republican candidates for office locally, statewide, and nationally.

1) We are all Americans, no matter race, color, or creed. 2) We value the freedoms and liberties that are the foundation of this Country. 3) We believe our US Constitution is the core of all rule and law, without infringement. 4) We believe all Americans have the opportunity to succeed. Until Republicans acknowledge that the commonalities within these groups far outweigh any indifferences, and realize that if we unite and stand together in our beliefs, then we can win the Presidential election in 2024. As Americans, let's try harder in working together for the sake of our freedom and country.

In looking back at 2022, I can say we have made progress within our local organization. Memberships have increased, the Lincoln Day Dinner and Annual Fall Picnic were well attended, and more concerned republicans are attending our monthly regular meetings in search of solutions in the areas of voter fraud, the accountability of elected officials, and wanting to be more involved. Additionally in 2022, we were able to award 2 scholarships in the amount of \$750 each to two graduating seniors in Mason County.

From early June through Election Day we had our Republican Headquarters open Monday through Saturday. We had a total of 15 volunteers that helped work at our Headquarters. We had 340 people sign our visitor log, stopping in to either pick up yard signs, gather information about candidates, or pick up voter guides.

At our November County Convention, a new Executive Committee of 16 was elected. The newly elected committee members will build from our existing base to make our local party bigger and better by planning family-oriented fundraisers, recruiting young conservatives, and having regular membership drives. Fresh ideas, an abundance of energy, an overwhelming amount of motivation, and most importantly, God's willingness, shall guide us in these endeavors.

Included with this letter are our 2023 Membership Form and the 2023 Contributor Form. Members are what makes our organization successful. Please consider being a supporting member with a donation of \$25. Any donation that you can send will not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. Please complete the membership form in its entirety before returning so we will be able to notify you (date, location, etc.) via phone or email about our Lincoln Day Dinner event in May.

In closing, I want to announce our Mason County Republican Executive Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month, at 6:30 pm, at the Lakeshore Resource Network Center, 920 E. Tinkham Ave in Ludington. Our meetings are open to the public.

God Bless Us All,

Sheila Genter-Kraus – Chair  
Mason County Republican Executive Committee

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