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Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Mr. President:

On the Thursday following the start of the air traffic controllers' strike, I remarked to my Thursday lunch coterie that had the controllers bothered to read Ronald Reagan's autobiography they might not have gone on strike, or, if they did strike anyway, at least they would know the quality of the Chief Executive and what manner of response they might expect. Not since President Truman, I told my friends, has there been a president with consciously held principles.

At this Thursday's lunch I shall remark that perhaps the President ought to read Ronald Reagan's autobiography and political speeches.

No matter the euphemism, the tax bill the President has been asked to espouse is an abomination. It panders to envy, one of the most base of human emotions, and is a poor response to the demagoguery of the vote buyers who have brought this nation to its present ills.

Does the U.S. Government really need more revenue? Then it ought to be selling what it now gives away. Licenses for use of radio frequencies, and leases for oil and mineral explorations which are now granted by lottery or subjective criteria ought to be granted for an annual fee to the highest bidder. This will bring many times more than can be raised by the bill now careening through the Congress with the President's ill advised espousal and help.

Respectfully,


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