

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 26, 1983

Dear Bob:

At the ceremony on April 20, I was pleased to present you with one of the pens I used to sign into law H.R. 1900, the Social Security Amendments of 1983. I salute you for the leadership role you played in making this landmark legislation possible.

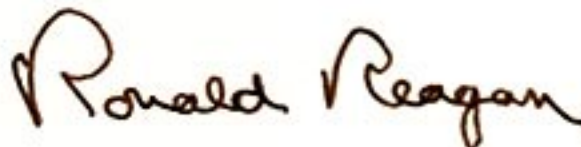
This law demonstrates for all time our Nation's ironclad commitment to Social Security. It assures the elderly that America will always keep the promises made in troubled times a half of a century ago. It assures those who are still working that they, too, have a pact with the future and that they will receive their fair share of benefits when they retire.

This compromise proves that bipartisanship can resolve serious national problems. It is a clear and dramatic demonstration of how effectively our system works when men and women join together for the common good. The Social Security Amendments of 1983 are a monument to the spirit of compassion and commitment that unites us as a people.

As a complement to the signing pen, I thought you would like to have the enclosed replicas of the bill's first and last pages.

Again, I want to thank you for your effective and strong leadership on behalf of this significant legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

The Honorable Robert Dole  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510