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Mr. George Hinman  
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My dear Mr. Hinman:

For 52 years, I have been a registered Republican, voted Republican and with varying degrees of generosity, have been a fairly steady contributor to the party. As such, I am the current recipient of a barrage of requests for money and since I find myself puzzled, it occurs to me that maybe you could help me.

My family and I (I am the third generation) have been members of the New York Stock Exchange since 1878. This Stock Exchange has recently been, and still is, under devastating pressure from Congress, the Senate and a Securities and Exchange Commission of whom three Commissioners including the Chairman, are Republicans. Never have they been more antagonistic and aggressive toward the Stock Exchange and, stimulated by men of theory but no practical experience in the business, they are well on the way to wrecking this great international institution.

Where, in these three bodies, have been the Republicans who should vigorously be pointing out that the New York Stock Exchange has provided the world with the greatest liquid market for securities of presently some 1500 corporations.

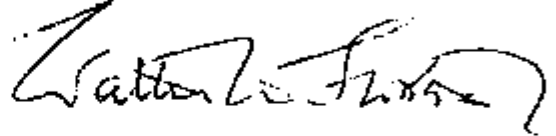
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If you have heard one Republican voice raised to this point, I wish you would tell me whose it was, as you can see, I think the Republican silence on this matter has been incomprehensible.

And so, I am asked to give money to a party whose elected representatives have done absolutely nothing to defend my ability to give it. As I said, I am puzzled and can assure you I am not alone in this.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter W. Stokes, Jr.", written in dark ink.

WWS, Jr. :fv

P.S. My father was a member of the State Senate from 1932 to 1952. Maybe you knew him.

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