

faith and some otherwise — are ready to abandon the America we know.

Governor Reagan's sincerity is to be admired, and I shall accept him at his word that his goal lies more in influencing policy than seriously seeking the Presidency.

My enthusiasm for Governor Rockefeller is well known. I was the first Governor to actively and even aggressively urge him to seek the Republican nomination.

Yet, I have become increasingly impressed with the strength and sincerity of Mr. Nixon. We share deep ideological bonds, a common analysis of the essential problems facing America today, and parallel proposals to resolve them.

Richard Nixon has the courage to make hard decisions, to take positions that may be temporarily unpopular but will be proven right. Richard Nixon has foresworn promises he knows cannot be fulfilled, and denounced policies built on expedience, instant answers, or the easy way out.

As a chief executive of some experience I know the most important trait of leadership is the ability to make hard decisions correctly and quickly. In no case is this more true than in the Presidency. We have seen this more than once in our lifetime. Richard Nixon is a man of unshakable principle and this, his source of strength, shall serve as our source of national security and salvation.

For this reason and because he is the *one* candidate whose concepts blend rationality and reality, creativity and discipline, the genius of private enterprise and the responsibility of public commitment, I vigorously endorse his candidacy.

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If there is anything predictable in this unpredictable time, it is that from this convention will emerge not just the standard bearer of a grand old party, but the President of a brave new country.

We are a nation in crisis, victimized by crime and conflict, frustrated by fear and failure.