

COMMITTEE TO IMPEACH DISCRIMINATION member Yoshiko Dart hands the committee's four-page Hope, Arkansas Star ad to President Clinton in the Oval Office on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Ad, sponsored by Justin Dart, Yoshiko and leaders of disability community, supports the President on the issue of impeachment, sets forth the agenda for a society that empowers all and urges Americans to demand democracy in '98 elections.

## AMERICANS, KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE

A Statement of Conscience An Open Letter to America from an Advocate for Fifty-four Million Americans with Disabilities

IMPEACH THE PRESIDENT? LOOK BEYOND THE SOAP OPERA. THE ISSUE IS POWER. THE ISSUE IS THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY. The tabloid impeachment scandal is promoted – partly with millions of taxpayer dollars - by powerful, political forces who oppose the President's policy of America for all, but who have not been able to defeat him at the polls or through legitimate democratic debate.

THE IMPEACHERS ATTEMPT TO GRAB POWER – TO LEAD US IN RETREAT TO THE "GOOD OLD DAYS" of power and privilege for the few. These are the same folks who want to cut taxes for the wealthy instead of investing fully in lives of opportunity and quality for all Americans. These are the same folks who want to cut back on federal guarantees of civil rights.

**DID BILL CLINTON DO WRONG? YES.** He has admitted it. Did he hurt his family, his party and his nation? Yes. He has admitted it. He has apologized.

SHOULD HE BE IMPEACHED? NO! While his transgressions are serious, they aren't all that different from those of millions of other Americans, including myself as a young businessman in the 60's, and a great many of the public and private sector leaders I have personally known.

AMONG THOSE ACCUSED OF SIMILAR MORAL LAPSES ARE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Martin Luther King and numerous other Americans who have made important contributions to our culture. And what about the private lives - and the motives - of those political and media leaders who are hyping this all too common delinquency as the sin of the century? There is a distinct odor of hypocrisy and witch hunt.

BILL AND HILLARY CLINTON, AL AND TIPPER GORE HAVE LED US TO THE GREATEST AMERICA IN A HISTORY OF GREAT AMERICAS. Personal incomes, home ownership, business profits, stocks have achieved record levels. Investments in children and families, education and job training are up. Unemployment, interest rates and crime are down. Federal deficits have been eliminated. America has become a stronger force for peace and democracy in the world.

LIKE ABRAHAM LINCOLN, BILL CLINTON HAS FOUGHT SUCCESSFULLY to preserve the authority of our Federal Union as the world's foremost guarantor of the civil rights and empowerment of all its citizens.

#### IMPEACH POVERTY AND DISCRIMINATION

### A SOCIETY WHERE EVERYONE WINS

BILL CLINTON HAS EXPANDED THE EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. Building on the good foundation created by George Bush, the President has stood firm for our rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Medicare and Medicaid. He has reached out to us, empowered us in his administration, met with us and listened to us as never before.

AMERICA IS THE GREATEST. BUT WE STILL HAVE PROMISES TO KEEP. While most Americans are living better, there are still too many who are excluded from the good life. The gap between the well-to-do and the poor continues to grow. There is still hunger and homelessness. There are still millions who lack quality health care. There is still discrimination against women, minorities and gays and lesbians. In spite of our recent gains, people with disabilities are still the poorest of the poor, the most oppressed of the oppressed. Millions of us – about 70% - are unemployed. Millions of us are segregated from our communities, imprisoned in institutions, nursing homes and back rooms.

BILL CLINTON HAS A VISION THAT INCLUDES ALL. "The preeminent mission of our new government is to give all Americans ... a real opportunity to build better lives."

AMERICANS, LET US UNITE TO CREATE REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL. Let us join together in a revolution of love and responsibility for one another, a revolution that focuses the full force of free enterprise and science on the empowerment of every person to live his or her God given potential.

AMERICANS, LET US IMPEACH POVERTY AND DISCRIMINATION. Let us impeach hate, hype and hypocrisy. Let us provide decisive government, private sector and citizen leadership to create quality education, health care, employment, housing, transportation and economic security for all. Let us create individualized personal services that give all Americans real choices to live in dignity, to live in total integration with their communities.

AMERICANS, THE WORLD IS WATCHING US. The future of democracy hangs in the balance. Whatever your opinion on the issue of personal morality, whatever the outcome of the politics of impeachment, we must not betray the generations of the future; we must not retreat on the issue of democracy. We must fight in the coming elections, and everyday, to maintain the integrity of the democratic process, to protect and to expand the American Dream.

AMERICANS, KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE: A SOCIETY WHERE EVERYONE WINS. America, Americans, I love you. God bless you.

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# IMPEACH HATE, HYPE AND HYPOCRISY

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