



RONALD REAGAN

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Dear Dan,

Hopefully you received my congratulations while you were still in Lillehammer, but I did want to join the rest of your admirers in officially commending you on your magnificent performance last week at the Olympics.

A British poet once said, "Beware the fury of a patient man." Boy, did you show the world the virtues of that! Nancy and I were like a couple of kids cheering you on as you crossed the finish line for the gold. And, as you stepped up to receive your medal, we saw the immense emotion in your eyes and the triumphant emotion in your face. At that very moment, time stood still. The world shared that moment with you, Dan.

Your years of practice, dedication, determination and belief in yourself, not to mention the loving support of your family, have made you every inch the world champion that you are. You are an example to the young people of the world that good things come to those who wait. Life's dreams are not always fulfilled on our terms -- on our timetable. Perhaps, for that reason, your victory was that much sweeter!

If you ever find yourself in the Los Angeles area, I hope you and your family will drop by my office so I might have the honor of congratulating you personally. God bless you, Dan, as you savor this moment in your life. You have our respect and our deepest admiration for your fine representation of the United States of America.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*