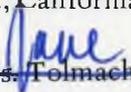


Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Jane Tolmach
656 Douglas Ave.,
Oxnard, California

Dear ~~Ms. Tolmach:~~ 

In case you have not already received one, I am enclosing a copy of the proposed guide-lines of the McGovern Commission on Party Structure and Delegate Selection. These proposals are tentative, and the Commission invites comments before November 3, 1969. Later in November, it will adopt formal guide-lines which will focus reform efforts in California and elsewhere.

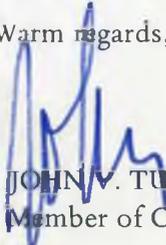
If you care to comment on these proposals, I would like very much to hear your views. My own feeling is that we must work to insure that differences in viewpoint among California voters are fairly reflected in the composition of the Convention Delegation.

When the McGovern Commission held hearings in California last June, I submitted a statement favoring retention of the winner-take all primary with one important qualification. I indicated that where no single slate received over 50% of the primary vote, then minority viewpoint should be recognized. I believe that this could be accomplished simply if each slate met to choose delegates to attend the Convention in proportion to the total votes it received.

I would welcome any criticism which you have concerning such a compromise and would also appreciate your opinions on other areas of party reform.

I urge your support of efforts to provide for full, open participation by all segments of society in party processes. I feel strongly that only a clear move in this direction can avert the tragic conflicts which we saw happen in Chicago, inside and outside the Amphitheater.

Warm regards,


JOHN V. TUNNEY
Member of Congress