

## A Letter from George Bush to Mike Deland

GEORGE BUSH

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Dear Mike,

The controversy surrounding the FDR Memorial has disturbed me greatly, and I am pleased that the National Organization on Disability has taken the lead in trying to rectify this situation.

I feel strongly that one of the statues at the FDR Memorial should show President Roosevelt in a wheelchair. Last week, I wrote President Clinton telling him of my firm view and urging him to join in our effort to effect this change.

I stand with N.O.D. and with America's 49 million disabled citizens on this issue and will do all I can to ensure that the FDR Memorial is wholly true to who Franklin Roosevelt was - a man living with an enormous physical disability and doing it with fortitude and grace.

Sincerely

George Bush

The Honorable Michael R. Deland

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