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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Trump,

We respectfully recommend Patrick J. “Pat” Buchanan for the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation’s highest civilian honor. His enduring influence on our politics and civic culture makes him exceedingly deserving of this recognition.

Over six decades, Buchanan has served as a presidential adviser, columnist, commentator, author, and conservative movement leader. In every role, he sought to enrich our public discourse and give voice to “forgotten Americans”—the blue-collar families have anchored our nation since its founding.

Buchanan’s public service began in the White House, where he advised three U.S. presidents. As a young aide to President Richard Nixon, he became a trusted strategist and speechwriter. He then served briefly under President Gerald Ford, before returning to the White House in the mid-1980s as Communications Director for President Ronald Reagan, coordinating messaging during landmark achievements—from sweeping tax reform to turning the tide in the Cold War.

In addition to his public service, Buchanan became one of America’s most influential conservative voices. His nationally syndicated column, bestselling books, and regular appearances on television and radio brought principled arguments for America-First foreign policy, economic nationalism, and traditional values into millions of homes.

As a presidential candidate in 1992, 1996, and 2000, he led the way in proclaiming that America’s strength lay with its working and middle classes. Decades before these ideas became mainstream, he prophetically warned that unfettered globalization, open-border immigration, and endless military engagements were threats to our nation.

In 2002, Buchanan co-founded *The American Conservative*. At a time when many outlets leaned toward interventionism and globalism, this publication provided a vital home for sober realism and cultural rootedness.

Our country reserves the Presidential Medal of Freedom for individuals whose contributions have been of extraordinary benefit to the United States. Buchanan’s record of conservative statesmanship and lifetime of service undeniably meets that criterion.

We urge you to grant him this well-deserved honor.

Respectfully,

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