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**STATEMENT BY FRED RYAN,
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE
RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION AND INSTITUTE
ON THE DEATH OF DIANNE FEINSTEIN**



Simi Valley, California – The Reagan Foundation and Institute mourn the loss of Dianne Feinstein. President Ronald Reagan understood that Senators, men and women who are dedicated to serving their country and its citizens, are an essential part of government who play a crucial role in shaping the nation's policies. Senator Dianne Feinstein did just that, serving as a Senator for California for over 30 years, selflessly giving her life to public service. She was a true patriot who expressed her devotion to her country as the longest-serving U.S. senator from California, the longest-tenured female senator in history, and the senior Democratic member of the Senate.

Senator Feinstein dedicated her career to advocating for the people and fighting for what is right. As one of the first female senators from California, Senator Feinstein broke barriers. Her stance on a strong national defense was one that President Reagan agreed with. She actively fought to keep military bases open, saying in 1994 that by closing bases, “we risk losing, for both state and nation, the greatest resources of scientific, technical and human capital ever gathered together in human history.”

Our thoughts and prayers go out to her daughter, Katherine, and to the entire Feinstein family.

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