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Washington, DC 20515

February 3, 1998

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We need a
response

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The skyrocketing rate of teen drug use over the past six years is a national disaster. In your State of the Union address, you labeled the "epidemic of teen smoking" as the "gravest health threat that they [children] face." Unfortunately, your assertion is dead wrong. As millions of parents can tell you, the gravest health threat facing our children is not tobacco but the epidemic of teenage drug use.

Tobacco is dangerous, and I agree that we need to concentrate on the number of children who become addicted to cigarettes every day—this is a tragic and reckless first step toward cancer, sickness and death. We cannot, though, focus on nicotine to the exclusion of cocaine and heroin.

Contrary to your claim in Tuesday's speech, drug use has *risen* dramatically since your election in 1992. The 1996 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse showed that the rate of illegal drug use among young adults jumped to 9.0 percent in 1996 from 5.3 percent in 1992. These rates are unacceptable and dangerous—both to the health of our children and to the health of our nation.

All of us must send a clear and consistent message to our young people that drugs are illegal, dangerous, and wrong. In contrast, your near silence on the subject—both in your State of the Union address and in other public appearances—was an abdication of responsibility and a wasted opportunity.

I challenge you to end the silence and stop neglecting drug and alcohol abuse, which have a significant impact on our nation through increased violence—both on the streets and in the home—and through the loss of a generation of future leaders, teachers, parents and citizens. It is a disgrace after years of declining drug use due in large part to Nancy Reagan's simple and consistent message of "Just Say No," that lax leadership has allowed drug use to skyrocket among America's youth. As you said about teen smoking, let's do what it takes to bring teen drug use down. I look forward to working with you on a more constructive and vocal approach.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3001
August 8, 1997

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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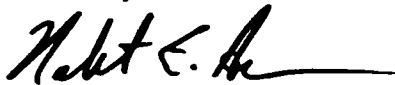
Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my concern about the recently announced tobacco settlement between the industry and the forty states' attorney generals.

Finding a resolution to the lawsuits against tobacco companies is clearly a laudable goal. I am concerned, however, that the announced settlement, which would require congressional action, does not adequately protect multiemployer health funds. The workers covered by these funds, run by labor and management, are targeted by the tobacco industry's marketing. These funds, which cover roughly thirty million Americans, have incurred billions of dollars in health care costs for tobacco-related illnesses. Their voice should be heard before their rights are taken away.

I look forward to working with you on a comprehensive tobacco settlement that is fair to all parties involved.

Sincerely,



ROBERT E. ANDREWS
Member of Congress

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To: Michael Cohen/OPD/EOP, William R. Kincaid/OPD/EOP, Jose Cerda III/OPD/EOP, Christopher C. Jennings/OPD/EOP
cc: Paul J. Weinstein Jr./OPD/EOP, BALDERSTON_A @ A1 @ CD @ LNGTWY, Sarah A. Bianchi/OPD/EOP, Linda R. Cooper/OPD/EOP
Subject: Outstanding Congressional Correspondence

Once again, we have a notice from Legislative Affairs concerning OVERDUE congressional correspondence. Please respond to Chris Walker (cc: me) ASAP with a draft response or a reason for further delay.

July 21 letter from Hinojosa and others, concerning limited English proficient students (sent to Mike Cohen on July 31 -- POTUS response)

July 9 letter from Gregg, concerning inappropriate material on the Internet (sent to Jose Cerda on July 22 -- POTUS response)

July 15 letter from Domenici, concerning genetic privacy (sent to Chris Jennings on July 22 -- POTUS response)

June 11 letter from Specter, concerning Healthy Children's Pilot Program Act of 1997 (sent to Chris Jennings on June 23 -- POTUS response)

If you can't locate these letters, let me know. I have copies here. Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PENDING CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

The following Congressional letters to the President were forwarded to your office for a response. If a response has been sent, please forward a copy to Chris Walker. If not, please contact Chris in order to alert him of the status.

Copies of the response may be sent to:

Chris Walker
Office Legislative Affairs
102 East Wing
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Fax: 456-6221
Tel: 456-7500

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

- 1) Rep. Ruben Hinojosa (D-TX) and others, concerning limited English proficient students, dated July 25, 1997;
- 2) Sen. Judd Gregg (R-NH), concerning inappropriate material on the Internet, date July 21, 1997;
- 3) Sen. Pete V. Domenici (R-NM), concerning genetic privacy, dated July 21, 1997; and,
- 4) Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA), concerning the Healthy Children's Pilot Program Act of 1997, dated June 18, 1997.

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3/17/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Pitts, "Education--Dollars in the Classroom Act"	M.. Cohen	POTUS Response	
3/20/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Bingaman, "NEC Summit in 1999--Nat Ed Goals Panel"	M. Cohen	Direct Response	
3/30/98 ✓	Ltr. To POTUS from Maloney, "Child Care -- Kiddie Mac"	Jen Klein	POTUS Response	Drafted 4/13/98
4/3/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Conyers, "Child Care -- Michigan"	Jen Klein	Direct Response	sent back 3/13
6/26/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Bobby Rush, "Telecommunications Links to the Classroom"	Danya Martin	Direct Response	
7/6/98 ✓	Ltr. To POTUS from McIntosh, "Federalism--EO 12612"	NEC/Katzen	--	Returned to Leg Affairs 7/13
7/6/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Daschle, "Birth Defects--FAS"	Chris Jennings	Direct response	
7/13/98	Ltr to POTUS from Stark, "Health Care Fraud"	Chris Jennings	Direct response	
7/15/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Feinstein, "Medicare/Medicaid"	Chris Jennings	Direct response	
7/15/98	Ltr. To POTUS from McConnell, "Education Savings Accounts"	Mike Cohen??	Direct response	
7/15/98	Ltr. To POTUS from McIntyre, "Tobacco"	Bruce Reed	No --Direct response	Sent back to LA on 8/6/98 No reply necessary
7/21/98	Ltr to POTUS from Goodling, "Americorps"	Diana Fortuna	Direct response	
7/30/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Byrd, "Tobacco--lack of concern about alcohol abuse by nation's young people"	Byrd/Jose Cerda 8/6	Direct response	
8/6/9	Ltr. To POTUS from Becerra, "Language Fluency Act, H.R. 3892, Biligual"	Mike Cohen	Direct response	
8/31/98	Ltr. To POTUS, "Housing in St. Thomas"		Direct response	
8/31/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Serrano, "Several Issues"	-	Direct response	No response from DPC
8/31/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Goode, "Home Health Care"	Chris Jennings	Direct response	

1/22/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Baucus, "Health Care--Bone Marrow"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
1/22/98 ✓	Ltr. To POTUS from Chafee, "Gun Violence"	Jose Cerda	Direct response	No resp/taken care of /3/2
1/22/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Hayworth, "Indian Education -- Alaska Natives"	M. Cohen/J. Fernandes	Direct response	
1/27/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Allard, "Medicare Subvention Pilot Program"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
1/27/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Ros-Lehtinen, "Meals for Achievement"	T. Martin	Direct response	
1/27/98 ✓	Ltr. To POTUS from Roemer/D Pryce, "Child Care"	J. Klein	Direct response	BR Signed 2/23
1/29/98 ✓	Ltr. To POTUS from Campbell, "Education Policy -- American Indian and Alaska Natives"	M. Cohen/J. Fernandes	Direct response	BR signed 3/16
2/2/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Moseley-Braun/Durbin, "Federal Community Health Center Program"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
2/2/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Moseley-Braun, "Early Medicare"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
2/9/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Gekas, "Health Care -- Breast Cancer and Diabetes"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
2/19/98	Ltr. To POTUS from DeLauro, "Forwarding Herschman's correspondence on affordable college"	M. Cohen	Ltr to Member of Congress	
2/23/98 ✓	Ltr. To POTUS from Slaughter, "Campaign finance"	Paul Weinstein	POTUS Response	Draft to C Walker on 2/3
2/23/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Mollohan, "Medicare Ins. -- Nik Shah, WV"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
2/24/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Snowbarger, "Medicare"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
2/24/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Becerra, "Child Care -- Tax Portion"	J. Klein	POTUS Response	
2/24/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Harkin/Martinez, "Child Care"	J. Klein	Direct response	
3/6/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Weygand, "Balanced Budget--Medicare"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
3/6/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Payne, "Project GRAD Program, New Jersey"	M. Cohen	Direct response	

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1/13/98 ✓	Ltr. To POTUS from Oberstar, "Adoption" 12-5-97	Jen Klein	Direct response	BR signed/mailed 2/26
1/13/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Bingaman, "National Dropout Rates" 12-2-97	Mike Cohen	POTUSresponse	
1/13/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Millender-McDonald, "Education Standards" 11-12-97	Mike Cohen	Direct response	
1/13/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Moseley-Braun, "National Education Technology Fund Corp." 12-4-97	Mike Cohen	Direct Response	
1/13/98 ✓	Ltr. To POTUS from Ensign, "Hangar space for Enola Gay" 10-14-97	Not DPC	--	Back to Chris 1/13
1/15/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Jack Reed, "Children under SSI" 12/9/97	Diana Fortuna	Direct Response	no resp
1/16/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Clay, "H.R. 1436, Public Schools Renewal and Improvement Act of 1997"	Mike Cohen	Direct response	
1/16/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Tim Johnson, "S.1396 Meals for Achievement"	Tanya Martin	Direct response	
1/16/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Sanchez, "H.R. 2964--Older/Disabled Americans Protection Act of 1997--Housing Background Checks"	Diana Fortuna	Direct response	no resp. 1/16/98
1/16/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Herger, "Tax--Marriage Penalty"	Not DPC	NEC	Back to C. Walker 1/16
1/22/98 ✓	Ltr. To POTUS from Baucus, "Gangs, Violence, & Kids)"	Jose Cerda	Direct response	no resp. 1/27
1/22/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Feingold, "Education--School Reform"	Mike Cohen	Direct response	
1/22/98 ✓	Ltr. To POTUS from Johnson, "WH Conference on Child Care"	Jen Klein	Direct response	BR sign 2/18--mailed 2/25
1/22/98	Ltr. To POTUS from DeLauro, "Child Care Initiative"	Jen Klein	Direct response	
1/22/98 ✓	Ltr. To POTUS from McKinney, "Daycare Relief"	Jen Klein	Direct response	BR signed 2/18/mailed 2/25
1/22/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Ganske, "Medicare Commission"	Chris Jennings	Direct Response	
1/22/98 ✓	Ltr. To POTUS from McGovern, "Early Childhood Development"	Jen Klein	Direct Response	BR sign 2/18--mailed 2/25

10/29/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Spratt, "Task force for Silicone Implants"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
10/29/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Sanchez, "LEAs/Education "	M. Cohen	Direct response	Cohen signed 10/27 cc to Walker 12/1
10/29/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Capps, "Child Safety Locks"	J. Cerda	Direct response	
11/3/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Bob Graham, "Education"	M. Cohen	POTUS Response	
11/12/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Walsh, "Immigration"	L. Shimabukuro	Direct response	
11/12/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Sessions, "Partial Birth Abortion"	E. Kagan	Direct response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from DeFazio, "Lewis and Clark"	??	Direct Response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Dingell, "Assault Weapons"	Jose Cerda	Direct Response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Patrick Kennedy, "Mental Health Parity Act"	Chris Jennings	Direct Response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Grassley, "Social Security -- Year 2000"	??	Direct Response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from DeLauro, "Mental Health Parity Act"	Chris Jennings	Direct Response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Rothman, "WH Conference on Child Care"	Jen Klein	Direct Response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Leahy, "Assault Weapons"	Jose Cerda	Direct Response	
12/5/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Gephardt, "HC Commission"	Chris Jennings	POTUS Response	
12/9/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Tony Hall, "HR 1507/Nutrition and Food Stamps"	C. Rice/D. Fortuna	Direct response	
12/10/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Stenholm, "Food Stamps"	C. Rice/D. Fortuna	Direct response	NR Walker 11/2/98
1/9/98	Ltr. To POTUS from Norwood, "Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection Quality in the Health Care Industry"	Chris Jennings	Direct response	

10/29/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Spratt, "Task force for Silicone Implants"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
10/29/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Sanchez, "LEAs/Education "	M. Cohen	Direct response	Cohen signed 10/27 cc to Walker 12/1
10/29/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Capps, "Child Safety Locks"	J. Cerda	Direct response	
11/3/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Bob Graham, "Education"	M. Cohen	POTUS Response	
11/12/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Walsh, "Immigration"	L. Shimabukuro	Direct response	
11/12/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Sessions, "Partial Birth Abortion"	E. Kagan	Direct response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from DeFazio, "Lewis and Clark"	??	Direct Response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Dingell, "Assault Weapons"	Jose Cerda	Direct Response	<i>Legal Affairs / DPC</i>
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Patrick Kennedy, "Mental Health Parity Act"	Chris Jennings	Direct Response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Grassley, "Social Security -- Year 2000"	??	Direct Response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from DeLauro, "Mental Health Parity Act"	Chris Jennings	Direct Response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Rothman, "WH Conference on Child Care"	Jen Klein	Direct Response	
11/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Leahy, "Assault Weapons"	Jose Cerda	Direct Response	<i>Legal Affairs / DPC</i>
12/5/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Gephardt, "HC Commission"	Chris Jennings	POTUS Response	
12/9/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Tony Hall, "HR 1507/Nutrition and Food Stamps"	C. Rice/D. Fortuna	Direct response	

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8/21/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Traficant, "Silicone Implants"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
8/21/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Stark, "Medicare"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
8/21/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Grassly, "Ethanol Tax--Highway Reauth Bill"	P. Weinstein	NEC??	
8/21/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Andrews, "Tobacco Settlement"	B. Reed	Direct response	
8/21/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Cummings "Five Individuals--Community"	Paul Weinstein	Direct response	
8/21/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Faircloth, "DC Schools--Opening Late"	P. Weinstein	Direct response	<i>NO resp</i>
8/21/97	Ltr. To POTUS from DeLauro, "Pension Plans/Savings Options"	P. Weinstein	NEC??	
9/11/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Boxer, "Pharmaceuticals"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
9/11/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Rush, "SSI/Welfare Reform/Disabled Children"	C. Rice/Diana Fortuna	Direct response	<i>no resp/ce/11/12/98</i>
9/18/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Kohl, "Child Care Conference"	J. Klein	POTUS Response To Leg Affairs 10/7	
9/19/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Breaux, "Dislocated workers"	NEC/Robyn	--	Sent to Leg--for NEC 9/22
10/1/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Feinstein, "California--Child Support Enforcement--1988 Family Support Act"	Cynthia Rice	Direct response	<i>NO resp 2/9</i>
10/1/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Kleczka, "Health Care Assurance for Retirees"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
10/1/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Shaw, "Child Support Enforcement"	C. Rice	Direct response	<i>no resp. Walker 2/9</i>
10/1/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Moseley-Braun, "Child Support Enforcement"	C. Rice	Direct Response	<i>no resp. Walker 2/9</i>
10/1/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Goodling, "Education"	M. Cohen/Kincaid	??	
10/9/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Romero-Barcelo, "Children's Health"	C. Jennings	POTUS Draft	
10/9/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Knollenberg, "Home-Health Care/Medicare Program"	C. Jennings	Direct response	

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7/24/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Johnson, "Medicare Age Eligibility"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/25/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Kucinich, "Medicare Age Eligibility"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/30/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Stabenow, "States privatizing social service positions- budget reconciliation"	C. Rice	POTUS Response	No Response--8/25 (Walker) duplicate
7/30/97	Ltr to POTUS from Ken Bentsen, "DSH"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Dingell, "Medicare/Budget"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Jack Reed, "Medicare Age Eligibility"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Bob Kerry/Bob Chaffee, "Medicare Part B"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from John Lewis, "Medicare"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Wynn, "Small Business"	NEC	??	To C. Walker 7/31
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Tom Manton, "Medicare"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Edolphys Towns, "Medicare"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Danny Davis, "Medicare"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Jim Moran, ""Product Liability Bill"	NEC/Seidman	Direct response	To C. Walker 8/1
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Hinajosa, "LEP--Education"	M. Cohen	POTUS Response	Riley Response--9/3
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Tanner, "Privatization--Social Services	Cynthia Rice	Direct Response	No response--8/25 (Walker)
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Chaffee, "Medicare--Part B"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Stabenow, "Privatization"	C. Rice	Direct response	No response--8/25 (Walker)

7/14/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Robert Menendez, "Medicaid/Reconciliation"	C. Jennings	POTUS Response	
7/14/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Gingrich, "DC--Crime"	Leanne/Jose	?	
7/14/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Mikulski, "Medicare"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/17/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Bond/Ashcraft, "Medicaid--Missouri"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Costello, "Medicare/Medicaid"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Graham, "Medicare Reform"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Lautenberg, "DSH States"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Inouye, et. al., "FMAP/Hawaii"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Green, "Medicaide/Food Stamps"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Coburn, "Hospital Stays"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Patrick Kennedy, "Budget Reconciliation/Medicare/Medicaid"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Bob Kerrey, "Medicare Part B"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Boxer, "DSH"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Campbell, "Civil Rights--Race"	General Counsel	Direct response	Walker 7/23
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Norwood, "Race Relations"	E. Kagan/J. Cerda	POTUS response	BR 10/24 cc to Walker
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Morella, "Year 2000 Computer Problem"	NEC/OMB	Direct response	Walker 7/23
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Domenici, "Genetic privacy and discrimination"	C. Jennings	POTUS response	
7/22/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Gregg, "Child Access to the Internet"	J. Cerda	POTUS response	
7/24/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Lowery, "DSH/GME"	C. Jennings	Direct response	

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6/3/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Lowey, "Race Relations"	Elena Kagan	Direct Response	
6/3/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Snowe, "EO on National Museum of Women's History"	Elena Kagan	Direct Response	
6/3/97	Note to POTUS from Sheila Jackson Lee, "Race Commission"	Elena Kagan	Direct Response	
6/3/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Patrick Kennedy, "Race Article from Washington Post"	Elena Kagan	Direct Response	BR 9/18 cc to CW
6/3/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Jeff Bingham, "Standards"	Mike Cohen	POTUS Response	
6/4/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Joe Kennedy, "Uninsured Children"	C. Jennings	POTUS Response	ans. per SB (6/18)
6/6/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Kennelly, "Juvenile Crime"	Jose Cerda	Direct Response	BR 9/18 cc to Walker
6/6/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Ford, "Education/Technology"	Mike Cohen	Direct Response	
6/9/97	Ltr. To Potus from Jackson Lee, "TSU--Financial Aid Reimbursements"	Mike Cohen	POTUS Response	
6/9/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Feingold, "AFSME---Privatization--Food Stamps & Medicaid"	Michelle Rice	Direct Response	BR signed 6/18
6/9/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Corrine Brown, "Medicaid--DSH"	C. Jennings	POTUS Response	ans. per SB (6/18)
6/9/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Lautenberg, "Tobacco"	E. Drye	Direct Response	
6/9/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Schaefer, "Infrastructure of America's schools"	M. Cohen	POTUS Response	
6/20/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Bonior, "70 Percent of Americans who Never Completed College"	M. Cohen	FYI	--
6/23/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Reed, "Friendship and Peace" flags/posters"	J. Cerda	Direct Response	BR signed 7/10 cc to CW
6/23/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Democratic Caucus, "Children's Health Care Task Force"	C. Jennings	Reply	
6/23/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Specter, "Healthy Children's Pilot Program Act, S435C"	C. Jennings	POTUS Response	
7/1/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Lowey, "Fed Funds for Abortion Services"	E. Kagan	Direct response	

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4/7/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Tom Allen, "WR--Hiring of Welfare Mom"	B. Reed/C. Rice	Direct response	No response necessary 5/20/97
4/18/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Stenholm, "Texas Integrated Enrollment System (TIES)"	C. Rice	Direct Response	No response needed (CR)
4/18/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Woolsey, "Texas--Food Stamps/Medicaid"	C. Rice	FYI copy	FYI -- no response
4/23/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Condit, "RV park for Low-Income Housing"	Leanne S.	Direct Response	BR signed/to Walker 6/26
4/23/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Gutierrez, "PL104-193--Legal Immigrants"	C. Rice	Direct response	BR signed/to Walker 6/26
4/23/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Hinojosa, ""Texas--Legal Immigrants"	C. Rice	Direct Response	BR signed/to Walker 6/26
4/23/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Filner, "SSI--Immigrants"	C. Rice	Direct Response	BR signed 7/7
4/23/97	Ltr to POTUS from Weygand, "Texas Welfare Privatization"	C. Rice	Direct Response	BR signed 7/7
4/23/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Bobby Rush, "Balanced Budget -- Food Stamps"	C. Rice	Direct Response	No rsp nec.--5/20/97
4/24/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Wellstone, "SSI--Legal Immigrants"	C. Rice	Direct Response	BR signed 6/19/CW 6/26
4/24/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Brown, "Texas--Privatization"	C. Rice	Direct response	BR signed 7/7
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4/25/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Conrad, "SSI"	D. Fortuna	Direct response	
5/12/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Donna Chrisitan-Green, NMA's concerns over Advisory Commission on Consumer Protection and Quality in HC Industry"	C. Jennings	Direct response	
5/12/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Rangel, "Education Proposal"	M. Cohen	POTUS Response	
5/13/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Mike McIntyre, "Reading with Phonics is Fun"	M. Cohen	Direct response	
5/15/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Roberts/Tiahrt, "WR--FLSA to welfare cash assistance welfare recipients"	C. Rice	Direct Response	No response necessary 5/29/97
5/19/97	Ltr. From NSC--to POTUS from Moseley-Braun, "AIDS/Africa"	Thurman	POTUS Response	cy. 7/22/97

2/19/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Archer, Welfare-to-work" draft response for our review	Lynn Hogan	quick response	Answered leg/2/27
2/18/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Sheila Jackson Lee, "Internet Access for Schools"	Mike Cohen	POTUS response	
2/21/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Phil English, "Medicare Legislation"	Chris Jennings	No response from POTUS	
2/21/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Chaka Fattah, "20th Century Scholars program legis	Mike Cohen	POTUS Response	
2/21/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Silvestre Reyes, "US/Mexico--Health Concerns"	Chris Jennings	POTUS Response	
2/28/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Curt Weldon, "NS Summit"	Diana Fortuna	POTUS Response	
2/28/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Patrick Kennedy, "Juvenile Justice/Crime Rates"	Dennis Burke	POTUS Response	
2/28/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Carl Levin, "Lobby Reform"		POTUS Response	
2/28/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Anna Eshoo, "Reconstructive Breast Surgery Benefits Act of 1997"		No response	
3/13/97	Ltr. To POTUS from McDermott, "Partial Birth Abortion"	Elena Kagan	DPC response	
3/25/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Wyden, "NS Summit--Elderly--Academics"	Diana Fortuna	POTUS Response	
3/24/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Lowey/Lautenberg, "Drunk Driving Driving Laws"	E. Drye		
3/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Kildee/Clay, "Job Training"	M. Cohen	POTUS Response	
3/31/97	Ltr. To POTUS from McGovern, "Welfare Reform/SSI"	D. Fortuna	Direct response	BR signed 7/
4/7/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Nita Lowey, "ET Systems--Internet Access"	Mike Cohen	Direct response	
4/7/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Furse, "Newsletter--Learning WEBster"	Mike Cohen	Direct response	
4/7/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Lowey, "NHTSA--Safety Seats"	E. Drye	Direct Response	No resp.
4/7/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Lowey, "Impace of WR on Elderly"	B. Reed	Direct Response	No resp. nec --6/18

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1/9/97	Ltr. to POTUS from Arlen Specter, "Health Care--Kassebaum-Kennedy Legislation"	Chris Jennings (direct response)	Sandy working on it	2/6/97 (CJ)
1/9/97	Ltr. to POTUS from Diane Feinstein, "National Service -- Judge Kline's proposal for review"	(POTUS response)	Lynn Hogan drafted	BR signed 3/6; cc to Chris Walkder 3/6
1/8/97	Ltr. to POTUS from Martin Frost, ""Nursing Facility Medicaid survey issue"	Chris Jennings (direct response)	Sandy Working on it	Draft to Walker 2/7/96 (CJ)
1/27/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Mark Sanford, "Offer for help on entitlement front"	Bruce	No response necessary	No response 2/5
1/27/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Bobby Rush, "Chicago Public Schools"	Bruce	No response necessary	No response 2/5
1/28/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Steven C. LaTourette, "HR 216 -- Medicaid Benefits"	Bruce/Chris Jennings 2/5	Chris calling me?	
2/5/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Sheila Jackson Lee, "SOTU--Internet Access for Schools"	Bruce/Cohen	FYI--No response	No response
2/7/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Anna Eshoo,, "Tax Deferred IRA for families to pay for Higher Education"	Bruce/Cohen	draft POTUS response	To Walker for NEC 2/28
2/6/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Patty Murray, 'NeoRx Corporation--Sharing his Editor Welfare Reform"	Bruce/Rice	draft	Cynthia Rice 5/5/97 signed
2/6/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Sherrod Brown, "Proposal of Mr. Oldrieve, welfare recipients becoming reading tutors"	Cohen		
2/10/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Goodling, "Education"	Bruce/Cohen	Draft for POTUS response	
2/10/97	Ltr. To POTUS from Owens, "School Construction"	Bruce/Cohen	Draft for POTUS response	To Walker for NEC 2/28

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED
DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

FROM: JANET MURGUIA *Jm*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and fourteen other Senators.

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached letter and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Eli Joseph, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eli at 456-7500.

Enclosure

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 11, 1999

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As you develop your proposal to extend the elementary and secondary education programs authorized by the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, we write to emphasize the importance of the principle that federal funds should be allocated according to the number of poor, eligible children under the ESEA Title I program and other programs which use its formula.

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 is the largest federal elementary and secondary education program, providing funds to virtually every school district in the country to educate disadvantaged children. Title I has often been called the "anchor" of all federal elementary and secondary programs since its enactment in 1965, providing \$7.8 billion to school districts in the current fiscal year. The program provides vital services to supplement state and local funding for the education of disadvantaged children.

An important element of the program since its origin is that funding amounts are largely based on the number of eligible children in each school district, generally defined to mean poor children. Congress reaffirmed this principle in the 1994 reauthorization by requiring the U. S. Department of Education in FY 1997 and every two years thereafter to use updated poverty data on school-aged children, rather than the decennial census, in order to base funding on updated numbers and changes in student population.

We hope that the proposal that you send to Congress adheres to the principle that funds should follow the child as reflected by the most recent data possible and that you will support the continuation of the census update requirements. Not only are these important elements for Title I, but formulas for 11 other federal education programs are based in part on Title I. Thus, these programs recognize the principle that funding should be based on the number of children and on the most current student population data available.

At a time when our schools are facing serious challenges, we

are sure you will agree that the original purpose of Title I is still valid and that Title I funds should be concentrated on helping disadvantaged children with the greatest need for assistance to improve their academic achievement.

We look forward to working with you toward this end.

Sincerely,

Diane Kristina

Carrie Mack

Bob Graham

Don Kell

Daniel Klase

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Cher E. Shuman

John

Robert Papp

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 26, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED
DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

FROM: JANET MURGUIA *Jm*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rep. Norman Sisisky (D-VA) and fourteen other Members of Congress.

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached letter and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Eli Joseph, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eli at 456-7500.

Enclosure

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 2, 1999

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to express our serious concerns about your proposal to initiate federal litigation against the tobacco industry. We are opposed to this approach.

The states successfully sued the tobacco companies under various theories of recovery, including Medicaid reimbursement, consumer fraud and anti-trust violations. From a legal perspective, the federal government, apart from asserting some claim under the states' Medicaid recovery, does not appear to have a similar basis for a suit. In the past, the position of the Justice Department has been that the federal government does not have the authority to sue manufacturers of a legal product. We would be unwilling to support legislation offered by the Administration designed to strip a specific industry of its current legal protections.

Furthermore, we believe that a federal lawsuit against the tobacco industry will result in serious economic damage to small family farmers and the communities where they live. A federal lawsuit will not improve the lives of these Americans.

We share your concerns about smoking as it relates to public health and the cost of health care throughout the nation, and we would be happy to work with you in pursuit of rational public policy that reduces smoking -- especially among teenagers. However, we feel that a federal lawsuit against the tobacco companies will do little to address these problems.

We hope you will reconsider your proposed course of action, and instead turn your attention to finding ways to help family farmers survive into the 21st Century.

Sincerely,

Wm. M. L. L.

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Mike McIntyre

Bo Crandall

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 16, 1999

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED
DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL

FROM: JANET MURGUIA 
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rep. Bernard Sanders (I-VT) and four other Members of Congress.

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached letter and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Eli Joseph, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eli at 456-7500.

Enclosure

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 5, 1999

President William Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The purpose of this letter is to request that you establish a non-partisan National Commission on Voter Turnout to determine why a lower percentage of Americans participate in elections than in any other major nation and to make recommendations as to how we can improve this situation, and, by extension, revitalize our democracy.

The current situation is not only an embarrassment; it threatens the underpinnings of our democracy. Several months ago, Germany held national elections, and 80 percent of its voters went to the polls. It is not uncommon for countries throughout the world to have voter turnouts of more than 70 percent. On November 3rd, by comparison, only about 36 percent of American voters participated in our state and national elections. This was the lowest voter turnout since 1942, despite a 4 million increase in registered voters. Two years ago, during a presidential election, less than 50 percent of eligible voters went to the polls. This means our country's leadership is being chosen by a minority of the population, which is the antithesis of representative democracy.

Perhaps most disturbingly, our sons and daughters are the least likely to vote. A recent survey conducted for the National Association of Secretaries of State estimated, incredibly, that fewer than 20% of those 24 years of age or younger voted in the national election in November, 1998. The survey also found widespread cynicism and disengagement in the 18-24 age group. As a result, only 26 percent of the survey's respondents said that being involved in democracy and voting were priorities. Only 25 percent could correctly answer three basic questions - the name of the Vice-President, the name of the Governor of their respective state, and the length of a term for a Member of the House of Representatives. "Young people," the report concludes, "have the distinct sense that politics is not about them."

Tragically, the United States has the lowest voter turnout of any industrialized nation, and the situation is getting worse. It is clear that millions of Americans have become dangerously alienated from their own political process, and the concept of representative democracy is in peril.

A National Commission on Voter Turnout would bring together some of the most knowledgeable people in the country to provide us with information we need to determine the what are the best steps we can take to correct the decline in voter participation. This Commission should also explore what other countries are doing to achieve higher voter turnouts as well as the innovative practices taking place in various states in our country. The Commission members should also take a hard look at the role modern technology can play in increasing citizen participation in our elections.

More than 200 years ago, when countries throughout the world were being ruled by monarchies and autocrats, our forebears developed the most democratic governmental system of its time. We should be deeply concerned that, today, with the majority of our citizens not voting, and with political campaigns heavily influenced by the financial contributions, we risk becoming one of the least democratic nations in the industrialized world. Now is the time for us to come together to revive America's democracy.

We hope very much that you will give serious consideration to establishing a National Commission on Voter Turnout.

We look forward to speaking with you about this enormously important issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,



Bernard Sanders
U.S. Congressman



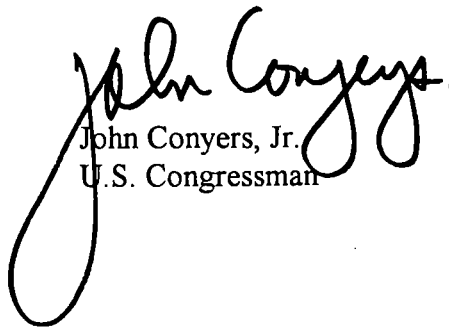
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 24, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED
DOMESTIC POLICY COUNCIL (DPC)

FROM: JANET MURGUIA *JM*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-WV).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Peter Greenberger, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Peter at 456-7500.

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July 17, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In the midst of the national campaign against tobacco, I am struck by the apparent lack of concern about the damage that alcohol abuse inflicts on our nation. I write to suggest that a crusade against alcohol abuse, particularly by our nation's young people, is urgently needed.

I know that you were a proponent of enactment of zero-tolerance legislation making it illegal for persons under the age of 21 to drive a motor vehicle if they have a blood alcohol level greater than .02 percent. I applaud your efforts in this area. As you may recall, I joined you in this fight by offering the amendment in the Senate that was subsequently adopted on zero tolerance. In addition, I have worked to create a program to reduce underage drinking through the Department of Justice. This program provides states with much-needed funding for enforcement of underage drinking laws. I have also attempted to address the issue of alcohol advertising through an amendment I offered to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. My amendment would have eliminated the tax deductibility of alcoholic beverage advertising expenses and spent the resultant savings on alcohol prevention programs, such as media campaigns to educate our youth about the realities of alcohol use. As a testament to the incredible power of the well-financed alcohol lobby, my amendment was defeated.

I met recently with Surgeon General David Satcher regarding alcohol issues. It is my understanding that the Department of Health and Human Services is devising a strategy to address the issue of underage drinking. The strong support of the Department's efforts by your administration would help to bring needed and deserved national attention to this important problem.

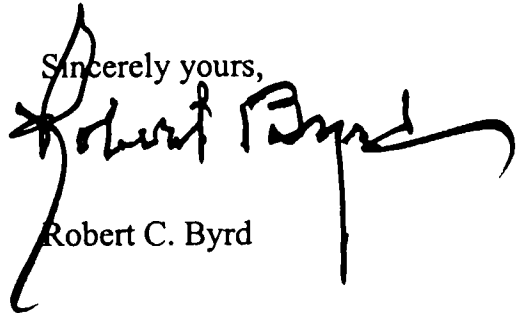
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Some useful first steps to begin such an effort might be: hosting a Surgeon General's workshop on underage drinking; revising the warning labels on alcoholic beverages; the establishment of an underage drinking media campaign to give our nation's children the true facts about drinking. In this regard, I applaud your recent action directing the Department of Health and Human Services to begin documenting which brands of cigarettes are preferred by smokers age 12 through 17, as part of the yearly National Household Survey on Drug Abuse. I believe there is a more immediate threat, however, in the proliferation of beer advertisements, especially those on television, that oftentimes use characters appealing to children. Initiating a similar survey with regard to beer could be particularly useful in determining which producers have most effectively targeted our young people.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns. I hope that I may be able to work with you to protect our nation's young people from the scourge of alcohol abuse.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Byrd", with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Robert C. Byrd

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 16, 1998

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: JANET MURGUIA *Jm*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-NM).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

Enclosure

United States Senate

February 26, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

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In anticipation of the final Year 2000 report of the National Education Goals Panel and the upcoming 10-year anniversary of the bipartisan national education goals that were established in Charlottesville, Virginia, I wanted to express my strong support for the need to convene a second National Education Summit in 1999 to commemorate the achievements of the last decade and set new, bipartisan national education goals for the upcoming decade.

I know that I am not alone in pointing out that, without such an event, the entire national education goals endeavor will soon be lost. Not only are the current national education goals all expressed as objectives to be achieved "by the year 2000," but the authorization for the National Education Goals Panel, the entity that has been regularly bringing state and local and federal leaders together and tracking progress towards meeting these goals, will soon expire. These issues were raised both at recent meetings of both the National Governors Association and the National Education Goals Panel, which has also established a task force on this issue.

Such an event would be a prominent opportunity to re-cast new goals for the new millennium, as well as to revisit the function and purpose of the Goals Panel. During the months leading up to the Summit, you, the Governors, and other national education leaders could sponsor a review of the current goals and gather ideas for revising them. Business leaders from Achieve and members of the National Assessment Governing Board could be involved, as well as Congressional leaders. Perhaps the event could be coordinated with your Millennium Project.

For all these reasons, I believe that a 1999 National Education Goals Summit holds the potential to revitalize public and political support for raising standards and achievement levels for our nation's students. I would be happy to discuss this idea with you if you are interested, as well as to help build support with my colleagues in the Senate.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bingaman

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 16, 1998

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MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: JANET MURGUIA *JM*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President by Rep. Joseph R. Pitts (R-PA).

We did not want to fully answer the issues addressed in the Members' letter without advice from your office; therefore, I am requesting that your office draft a response and return it to Chris Walker.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3816

March 9, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to express our concerns with the education plan you shared with the governors on February 23, 1998, and to urge you to demand true flexibility for education across America by supporting the Dollars to the Classroom Act.

While we commend your effort to waive certain education regulations, we believe that this limited-scope plan to expand Ed-Flex demonstration from 12 states to the rest of the nation circumvents true education reform.

The greatest complaint from the states about the current Ed-Flex program is that the regulations from which states most need flexibility or waiver are not even included in the program. Therefore, your plan offers to all states a scaled-down version of a program with very limited flexibility. Further, your plan would, in turn, place further mandates on states in order to qualify for a handful of low-priority waivers.

Instead of promoting this limited plan, we urge you to support the Dollars to the Classroom Act. This act will send most federal funding for programs in kindergarten through high school to states through a block grant. This block grant, administered by each governor, will be used by states and local school districts to pay for student-focused expenditures. The Dollars to the Classroom Act requires that no less than 95 percent of this block grant is directed to the classroom.

The Dollars to the Classroom Act will allow states and local school districts maximum flexibility in order to serve the needs of children in their school classrooms. It eliminates bureaucracy, regulations, and the federal middleman, allowing governors to direct education dollars -- free from federal strings -- to be used in the classroom -- using the governor's definition of classroom.

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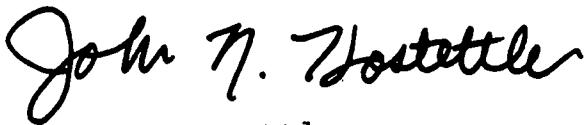
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Enclosed is a copy of the Dollars to the Classroom Act for your review. We owe it to our nation's children to enact true education reform. We thank you for your consideration and look forward to working with you to ensure that children -- not bureaucrats -- are placed first in American education.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Pitts
Member of Congress



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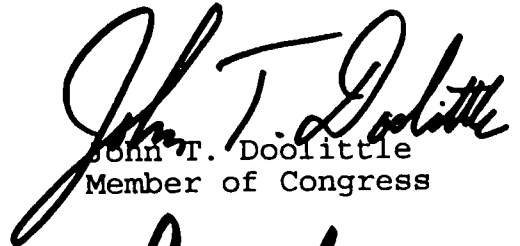
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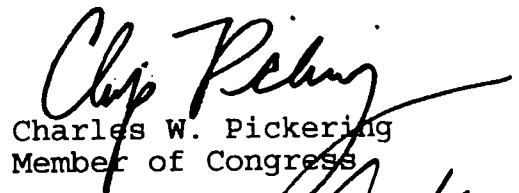
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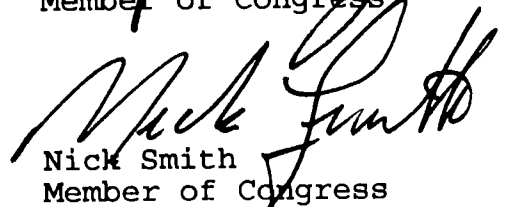
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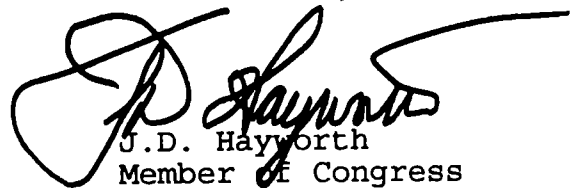
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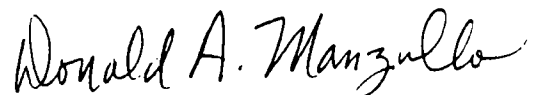
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HR 3248 IH

105th CONGRESS

2d Session

To provide dollars to the classroom.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 24, 1998

Mr. PITTS (for himself, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HILLEARY, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. TALENT, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. RYUN, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROYCE, Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. ROGAN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. COOK, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. BAKER, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. DICKEY, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. BASS, Mr. MCINTOSH, and Mr. SESSIONS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

A BILL

To provide dollars to the classroom.

[Italic->] Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, [<-Italic]

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Dollars to the Classroom Act'.

SEC. 2. DIRECT AWARDS OF CERTAIN EDUCATION FUNDING TO STATES.

(a) DIRECT AWARDS OF CERTAIN EDUCATION FUNDING-

(1) IN GENERAL- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for each fiscal year the Secretary shall award the total amount of funds described in paragraph (2) directly to States in accordance with this subsection.

(2) APPLICABLE FUNDING- The total amount of funds referred to in paragraph (1) are all funds not used to carry out paragraph (6)(B) for the fiscal year that are appropriated for the Department of Education for the fiscal year to carry out programs or activities under the following provisions of law:

(A) Title III of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act (20 U.S.C. 5881 et seq.).

(B) Title IV of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act (20 U.S.C. 5911 et seq.).

(C) Title VI of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act (20 U.S.C. 5951).

(D) The Educational Research, Development, Disseminations, and Improvement Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6001 et seq.).

(E) Titles II, III, and IV of the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 6121 et seq., 6171 et seq., and 6191 et seq.).

(F) Section 1502 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6492).

(G) Section 1503 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6493).

(H) Part A of title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6621 et seq.).

(I) Part B of title II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6641 et seq.).

(J) Section 3132 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6842 et seq.).

(K) Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6801 et seq.) (other than section 3132 of such title).

(L) Subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the Elementary and

Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7111 et seq.).

(M) Subpart 2 of part A of title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7131 et seq.).

(N) Part A of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7201 et seq.).

(O) Part B of title V of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7231 et seq.).

(P) Title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7311 et seq.).

(Q) Part B of title IX of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.).

(R) Part C of title IX of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7931 et seq.).

(S) Part A of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8001 et seq.).

(T) Part B of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8031 et seq.).

(U) Part D of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8091 et seq.).

(V) Part F of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8141 et seq.).

(W) Part G of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8161 et seq.).

(X) Part I of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8241 et seq.).

(Y) Part J of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8271 et seq.).

(Z) Part K of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8331 et seq.).

(AA) Part L of title X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8351 et seq.).

(BB) Part A of title XIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.).

(CC) Part C of title XIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8671 et seq.).

(DD) Part B of title VII of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11421 et seq.).

(3) TIMELINES-

(A) CENSUS DETERMINATION-

(i) IN GENERAL- Not later than 21 days after the beginning of an academic year, each State shall conduct a census to determine the number of kindergarten through grade 12 students in the State for the academic year.

(ii) SUBMISSION- Each State shall submit the number described in clause (i) to the Secretary not later than February 1 of the academic year.

(B) PUBLICATION- The Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register not later than March 15 of each fiscal year the amount each State shall receive under this subsection for the succeeding fiscal year.

(C) DISBURSAL- The Secretary shall disburse the amount awarded to a State under this subsection for a fiscal year not later than July 1 of the fiscal year.

(4) DETERMINATION OF AWARD- From the total amount made available under paragraph (2) and not used to carry out paragraph (6)(B), the Secretary, using the information provided under paragraph (3), shall award to each State an amount that bears the same relation to the total amount as the number of kindergarten through grade 12 students in the State for the academic year preceding the fiscal year bears to the total number of all such students in all States for the academic year.

(5) PENALTY- If the Secretary determines that a State has knowingly submitted false information under paragraph (3) for the purpose of gaining additional funds under paragraph (1),

then the State shall be fined an amount equal to twice the difference between the amount the State received under this subsection, and the correct amount the State would have received if the State had submitted accurate information under paragraph (3).

(6) HOLD HARMLESS-

(A) IN GENERAL- No State shall receive an award under this subsection--

(i) for fiscal year 1999 in an amount that is less than the amount the State would have received to carry out programs or activities under the provisions of law described in subparagraphs (A), (F), (I), (J), (L), (P) and (DD) of paragraph (2) for fiscal year 1999;

(ii) for fiscal year 2000 in an amount that is less than 95 percent of the minimum amount the State is eligible to receive under clause (i) for fiscal year 1999;

(iii) for fiscal year 2001 in an amount that is less than 90 percent of the minimum amount the State is eligible to receive under clause (ii) for fiscal year 2000;

(iv) for fiscal year 2002 in an amount that is less than 85 percent of the minimum amount the State is eligible to receive under clause (iii) for fiscal year 2001; and

(v) for fiscal year 2003 in an amount that is less than 80 percent of the minimum amount the State is eligible to receive under clause (iv) for fiscal year 2002.

(B) MULTIYEAR AWARDS- The Secretary shall use funds appropriated to carry out the programs or activities under the provisions of law described in paragraph (2) (other than subparagraphs (A), (F), (I), (J), (L), (P) and (DD) of paragraph (2)) to make payments to eligible recipients under such provisions pursuant to any multiyear award made under such provisions prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) PAYMENTS AND AVAILABILITY-

(1) PAYMENTS- Funds awarded to a State under this subsection shall be paid to the Governor of the State.

(2) AVAILABILITY- The Governor of the State shall make the funds provided under this subsection available to the individual or entity in the State that is responsible for the State administration of Federal education funds pursuant to State law.

(c) USE OF STATE AWARDS-

(1) IN GENERAL- From the amount made available to a State under subsection (a) for a fiscal year, the State--

(A) shall use not more than 5 percent of the amount to support programs or activities, for kindergarten through grade 12 students, that the State determines appropriate, of which the State shall distribute 20 percent of the 5 percent to local educational agencies in the State to pay the administrative expenses of the local educational agencies that are associated with the activities and services assisted under this section; and

(B) shall distribute not less than 95 percent of the amount to local educational agencies in the State for the fiscal year to enable the local educational agencies to pay the costs of activities or services, for kindergarten through grade 12 students, that--

(i) the local educational agencies determine appropriate; and

(ii) are provided in the classroom.

(2) CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES- For the purpose of paragraph (1)(B), the costs of activities and services provided

in the classroom exclude the administrative expenses associated with the activities and services.

(d) REGULATIONS-

(1) IN GENERAL- No head of a Federal department or agency other than the Secretary may promulgate regulations under this section.

(2) CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES- The Secretary of Education shall not issue any regulation regarding the type of classroom activities or services that may be assisted under this section.

(e) REPORT- Each Governor of a State receiving assistance under this section shall prepare and submit, not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House of Representatives, a report that defines classroom activities and services and specifies what such activities and services will be included in the State under this section.

SEC. 3. TITLE I FUNDING.

Section 1603 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6513) is amended by adding at the end the following:

(d) DOLLARS TO THE CLASSROOM-

(1) IN GENERAL- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from the funds made available to a local educational agency under this part for a fiscal year, not less than 95 percent of the funds shall be used for the costs of activities and services that--

(A) the local educational agency deems appropriate; and

(B) are provided in the classroom.

(2) CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES- For the purpose of paragraph (1), the costs of activities and services provided in the classroom exclude the administrative expenses associated with the activities and services.

(3) PLAN- Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of the Dollars to the Classroom Act, the Secretary shall--

(A) develop and implement a plan for streamlining regulations and eliminating bureaucracy so that 95 percent of the funds made available to local educational agencies under this part are used for the costs of activities and services provided in the classroom; and

(B) prepare and submit to Congress recommended legislation containing changes to Federal law that are needed for 95 percent of the funds to be so used.'.

SEC. 4. PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN PRIVATE AND HOME SCHOOLS.

Each local educational agency that receives funds under section 2 shall provide for the participation of children enrolled in private and home schools in the activities and services assisted under such section in the same manner as private school children participate in activities and services under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) pursuant to sections 14503, 14504, 14505, and 14506 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 8893, 8894, 8895, and 8896).

SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act--

(1) the term 'local educational agency' has the meaning given the term in section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8801);

(2) the term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of Education; and

(3) the term 'State' means each of the several States of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the United States Virgin Islands.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 24, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: JANET MURGUIA *am.*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rep. Donald M. Payne (D-NJ).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

Enclosure

FAX MEMORANDUM

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DATE: 2/13/98

TO: White House Legislative Correspondence Office
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FROM: Page Tomblin

MESSAGE:

The announcement of the program described in the following letter is going to take place on Tuesday of next week. Although this is very late notice, is there any way these letters can be prepared today (because Monday is a holiday) so we can get it to Newark by Tuesday? Let me know, thanks!

Here are the addresses of those mentioned in the following letter:

Dr. Beverly Hall
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Mr. Richard CEO
Lucent Technologies
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DONALD M. PAYNE
10TH DISTRICT, NEW JERSEY

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February 13, 1998

President William J. Clinton
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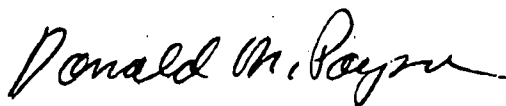
Dear Mr. President:

I would like to inform you of the Project GRAD (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams) program to be implemented in the Newark, New Jersey public schools. Lucent Technologies and the Ford Foundation have recently committed \$15 million to implement the program that will provide college scholarships, encourage high school and grade school student achievement and enlist the participation of families, educators, community members and corporations.

On Tuesday, February 13, 1998, the Newark Public Schools, Lucent Technologies and the Ford Foundation will formally announce this new project. I was present when you announced your High Hopes initiative at the White House earlier this month. I believe that the Project GRAD is a wonderfully compliment to your High Hopes initiative to encourage more low-income students to go on to college. Therefore, I would like to respectfully request a letter of recognition from you to Dr. Beverly Hall, Superintendent of the Newark Public Schools, Steven Zwerling, Senior Director for Education, Media, Arts and Culture at the Ford Foundation and Richard McGinn CEO of Lucent Technologies for their support and participation in the Project GRAD program.

Thank you and I look forward to continue working with you and your administration to improve our nation's schools.

Sincerely,



Donald M. Payne
Member of Congress

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Leo Klagholz
Commissioner of Education

Newark Public Schools Announce \$15 Million Program for Newark Students' Futures

For Immediate Release

Contact: E.J. Miranda
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February 17, 1998, Newark, NJ—Today, Newark Public Schools District Superintendent Beverly L. Hall announced the beginning of a program to ensure the higher education—and therefore, the future—of the children of the Newark Public Schools with a program called "Project GRAD/Newark."

Project GRAD/Newark (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams) is a \$15 million program which will provide college scholarships, encourage high school and grade school student achievement and enlist the participation of families, educators, community members and corporations. The Lucent Technologies Foundation of New Jersey and the Ford Foundation of New York are providing \$10 million toward the program, with the Foundations pledging to raise an additional \$5 million.

"We are very excited about this endeavor, and it is right in line with our goals and objectives. Not only is this a first for the Newark Public Schools, it is also a concrete example of our community's commitment to our students and our city's future," Dr. Hall stated.

Dr. Hall announced the kick-off of Project GRAD/Newark at a press conference held at Malcolm X Shabazz High School. Joining her were Richard McGinn, CEO of Lucent Technologies, Steven Zwerling, Senior Director for Education, Media, Arts and Culture at the Ford Foundation, and John H. Seabrook of Essex County College.

Project GRAD/Newark is modeled on the successful Houston-based Project GRAD which began in 1992. The centerpiece of the program is the offer of a guaranteed college scholarship of \$6,000 over four years to each Malcolm X Shabazz High School student who meets the program's requirements. The program will begin with this year's ninth graders, Dr. Hall said. She added that the level of commitment is such that parents, students and the school district must sign a contract to ensure the full and consistent participation of students in Project GRAD/Newark.

**Project GRAD/Newark
Page 2 of 2**

One of the program's unique features is its focus on the seven "feeder" elementary schools whose students will eventually attend Malcolm X Shabazz High School. Project GRAD/Newark will work with these schools in enhancing teachers' and administrators' professional development, improving the math and reading curriculum and engaging family and community involvement.

To qualify for the scholarships, students must graduate on-time with their class, maintain a 2.5 grade-point average in core academic subjects, complete the math sequence through Algebra II and participate in two college-based summer academic sessions. Students who are successful in meeting these requirements will receive \$6,000 scholarships—\$1,000 per year for the first two years and \$2,000 per year for their third and fourth years. Dr. Hall explained that the scholarships may be used at any two- or four-year college or university and may be utilized in combination with other financial aid and scholarships.

Dr. Hall said that Mr. Seabrook, Special Assistant to the President of Essex County College, has been named Director of Project GRAD/Newark, and will coordinate the implementation of the program. "We believe that the involvement of students, parents, teachers and administrators in this program will improve our children's classroom experiences and result in the much-needed improvement of our high school graduation rates," Mr. Seabrook stated. He said that this program will offer new opportunities for academic success to more than 5,000 children in Newark.

Mr. McGinn said that the Lucent Technologies and Ford Foundations were very pleased to partner with the Newark Schools in this endeavor. "We believe in our children's futures as Dr. Hall does, and we know she will continue to help our children strive for success," Mr. McGinn stated. He noted that the Lucent Technologies and Ford Foundations were also assuming responsibility for recruiting additional supporters.

Dr. Hall said that the Newark Public Schools is very excited to work with the Lucent Technologies and Ford Foundations on this project. She added that a measure of the Lucent Technologies and Ford Foundations' commitment to Project GRAD/Newark is their support for an assessment project which will be conducted by the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation (MDRC) of New York.

"If we are to really succeed in educating our children, we must all—students, families, the community and corporations—join hands and work together as partners. The success of Project GRAD/Newark depends upon all of our efforts. We look forward to this partnership and hope that it will be the first of many of this kind," Dr. Hall said.

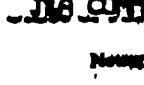
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Newark Public Schools Announce \$15 Million Program for Newark Students' Futures

When: Tuesday, February 17, 1998 at 10 a.m.

Where: Malcolm X Shabazz High School (provide address)

Who: Newark Public Schools District Superintendent Dr. Beverly L. Hall, Richard McGinn, CEO of Lucent Technologies, Steven Zwerling, Senior Director for Education, Media, Arts and Culture at the Ford Foundation, and John H. Seabrook of Essex County College.

What: The initiation of Project GRAD/Newark (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams), a \$15 million program which will provide college scholarships, encourage high school and grade school student achievement and enlist the participation of families, educators, community members and corporations. The Lucent Technologies Foundation of New Jersey and the Ford Foundation of New York are providing \$10 million toward the program, with the Foundations pledging to raise an additional \$5 million.

— Photo Opportunity —

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: JANET MURGUIA *Jm*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rep. George W. Gekas (R-PA).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

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GEORGE W. GEKAS
17TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-3817

January 28, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
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Dear President Clinton:

I was very pleased to hear that your vision for the new millennium focuses on an issue for which I have been an advocate since my earliest days on Capitol Hill. In your speech last night you said:

"As part of our gift to the next millennium, I propose a 21st Century Research Fund for pathbreaking scientific inquiry. This will be the largest funding increase in history for the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the National Cancer Institute. We have already discovered genes for breast cancer and diabetes. I ask you to support this initiative, so that ours will be the generation that finally wins the war against cancer... and begins a revolution in our fight against all deadly diseases."

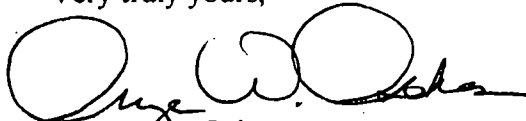
Your proposal mirrors legislation (H.R. 2889) which I recently introduced in the House of Representatives, and I would like to enlist your help in the enactment of our common goal. The aim of my bill is the global eradication of disease, which I believe should be our national goal for the new millennium.

It is almost universally acknowledged that the 20th Century was dominated by our nation's leadership in the removal of the threat of totalitarianism and world communism. The national goals were the safeguarding and expansion of democracy through the maintenance of military and political power, made possible by the ingenuity of American technology, industrial might, scientific research and the sheer will of our people.

Now is the time to re-channel these tremendous energies to an all-out effort to enhance the health of Americans and to combat disease and the threat of disease across the globe. You know as well as I that America has humanitarian and enlightened self interest reasons to become committed to our new national goal -- the protection of our citizens, the enhancement of our economy and the continued advancement of American interests worldwide.

I have enclosed a copy of my legislation for your review and I welcome your thoughts and comments on a strategy to enact our common goal. If your staff has further questions regarding H.R. 2889, please have them contact Seth Johnson on my staff at 225-4315.

Very truly yours,


George W. Gekas
Member of Congress

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2889

To establish a commission to recommend a strategy for the global eradication of disease.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 7, 1997

Mr. GEKAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

To establish a commission to recommend a strategy for the global eradication of disease.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "National Commission
5 for the New National Goal: The Advancement of Global
6 Health Act".

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 The Congress makes the following findings:

1 (1) During the 20th century the United States
2 led the world in defeating totalitarianism and com-
3 munism.

4 (2) The United States also led the world in
5 spreading and establishing democracy in every re-
6 gion.

7 (3) The end of global conflict and the end of
8 the Cold War, now guaranteed by the power and
9 leadership of the United States, allow the Nation to
10 establish new goals for the 21st century.

11 (4) The United States, the world leader in the
12 research, development, and production of tech-
13 nologies, medicines, and methodologies utilized to
14 prevent and cure disease, has the human and natu-
15 ral resources to dedicate itself to the new national
16 goal of the global eradication of disease.

17 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.**

18 There is established a commission to be known as the
19 “National Commission for the New National Goal: The
20 Advancement of Global Health” (in this Act referred to
21 as the “Commission”).

22 **SEC. 4. DUTIES OF COMMISSION.**

23 The Commission shall recommend to the Congress a
24 national strategy for coordinating governmental, aca-

1 demic, and public and private health care entities for the
2 purpose of the global eradication of disease.

3 **SEC. 5. MEMBERSHIP.**

4 (a) **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION.**—The Com-
5 mission shall consist of individuals who are of recognized
6 standing and distinction and who possess the dem-
7 onstrated capacity to discharge the duties imposed on the
8 Commission, and shall include representatives of the pub-
9 lic, private, and academic areas whose capacity is based
10 on a special knowledge or expertise in medical research
11 or related areas.

12 (b) **NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.**—The Commission
13 shall be composed of 13 members appointed as follows:

14 (1) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
15 ices (or the Secretary's delegate).

16 (2) The Chairman of the Federal Trade Com-
17 mission.

18 (3) 3 Members of the Senate appointed jointly
19 by the President of the Senate and the President
20 pro tempore. Not more than 2 members appointed
21 under this paragraph may be of the same political
22 party.

23 (4) 3 Members of the House of Representatives
24 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
25 resentatives. Not more than 2 members appointed

1 under this paragraph may be of the same political
2 party.

3 (5) 2 individuals appointed by the President, by
4 and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from
5 among individuals who are not officers or employees
6 of any government and who are specially qualified to
7 serve on the Commission by virtue of their edu-
8 cation, training, or experience.

9 (6) 3 individuals appointed by the President
10 from among individuals who will represent the views
11 of recipients of health services. Not more than 1
12 member appointed under this paragraph may be an
13 officer or employee of the Federal Government.

14 (c) CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP.—If a member
15 was appointed to the Commission as a Member of Con-
16 gress and the member ceases to be a Member of Congress,
17 that member may continue as a member for not longer
18 than the 30-day period beginning on the date that member
19 ceases to be a Member of Congress.

20 (d) TERMS.—Each member shall be appointed for the
21 life of the Commission.

22 (e) BASIC PAY.—Members shall serve without pay.

23 (f) QUORUM.—7 members of the Commission shall
24 constitute a quorum but a lesser number may hold hear-
25 ings.

1 (g) **CHAIRPERSON; VICE CHAIRPERSON.**—The Chair-
2 person and Vice Chairperson of the Commission shall be
3 designated by the President at the time of the appoint-
4 ment.

5 (h) **MEETINGS.**—The Commission shall meet monthly
6 or at the call of a majority of its members.

7 **SEC. 6. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

8 (a) **HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.**—The Commission
9 may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act, hold hear-
10 ings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and
11 receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate.

12 (b) **POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.**—Any mem-
13 ber or agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the
14 Commission, take any action which the Commission is au-
15 thorized to take by this section.

16 (c) **OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.**—The Commission
17 may secure directly from any department or agency of the
18 United States information necessary to enable it to carry
19 out this Act. Upon request of the Chairperson or Vice
20 Chairperson of the Commission, the head of that depart-
21 ment or agency shall furnish that information to the Com-
22 mission.

23 (d) **GIFTS, BEQUESTS, AND DEVISES.**—The Commis-
24 sion may accept, use, and dispose of gifts, bequests, or
25 devises of services or property, both real and personal, for

1 the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Com-
2 mission. Gifts, bequests, or devises of money and proceeds
3 from sales of other property received as gifts, bequests,
4 or devises shall be deposited in the Treasury and shall be
5 available for disbursement upon order of the Chairperson
6 or Commission. For purposes of Federal income, estate,
7 and gift taxes, property accepted under this subsection
8 shall be considered as a gift, bequest, or devise to the
9 United States.

10 (c) **MAILS.**—The Commission may use the United
11 States mails in the same manner and under the same con-
12 ditions as other departments and agencies of the United
13 States.

14 (f) **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.**—Upon the
15 request of the Commission, the Administrator of General
16 Services shall provide to the Commission, on a reimburs-
17 able basis, the administrative support services necessary
18 for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities under
19 this Act.

20 (g) **CONTRACT AUTHORITY.**—The Commission may
21 contract with and compensate government and private
22 agencies or persons for administrative and other services,
23 without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes
24 (41 U.S.C. 5).

1 SEC. 7. REPORTS.

2 (a) INTERIM REPORTS.—The Commission may sub-
3 mit to the President and the Congress interim reports as
4 the Commission considers appropriate.

5 (b) FINAL REPORT.—The Commission shall transmit
6 a final report to the President and the Congress not later
7 than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act.
8 The final report shall contain a detailed statement of the
9 findings and conclusions of the Commission, together with
10 its recommendations for legislative, administrative, or
11 other actions, as the Commission considers appropriate.

12 SEC. 8. TERMINATION.

13 The Commission shall terminate 30 days after sub-
14 mitting its final report pursuant to section 7.

15 SEC. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.

16 This Act shall take effect 60 days after the date of
17 its enactment.

18 SEC. 10. BUDGET ACT COMPLIANCE.

19 Any spending authority (as defined in subparagraphs
20 (A) and (C) of section 401(c)(2) of the Congressional
21 Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 651(c)(2) (A) and (C)))
22 authorized by this Act shall be effective only to such extent
23 and in such amounts as are provided in appropriation
24 Acts.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO) and others.

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

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COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6450

January 21, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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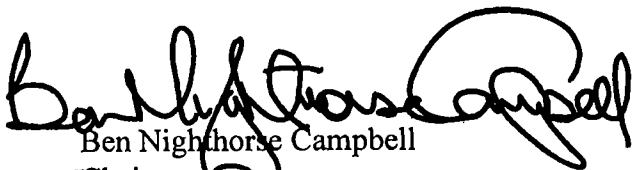
Dear President Clinton:

We are writing to request that you issue the Executive Order on the Comprehensive Federal Indian Education Policy Statement (CFIEPS) that is being considered by the Domestic Policy Council's Working Group on American Indian and Alaskan Natives. The Working Group will soon meet to consider final approval of the Order before referring it to you.

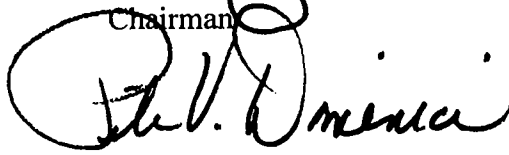
Indian tribes remain at the bottom of every economic and social indicator of well-being and Indian children bear the brunt of that harsh reality. As the nation implements a comprehensive, work-based welfare reform policy, we must ensure that the tools of transition are made available for those struggling to end dependence and despair. Education, in our view, should be the centerpiece of that policy.

It is our hope that this Order will create a uniform method for delivering quality educational services to Indian people, as well as reaffirm the Federal Government's unique legal and political relationship with the various tribal governments. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important request. We look forward to working with you on this critical initiative.

Sincerely,



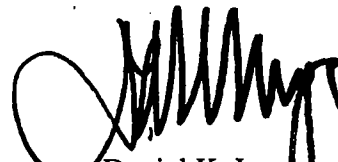
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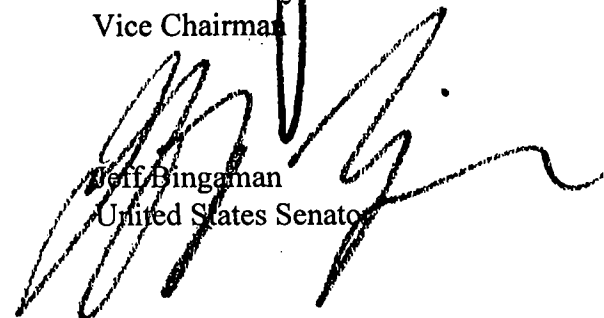
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 15, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED
Chris Jennings

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Sen. Wayne Allard (R-CO).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0606

January 7, 1998

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20501

JAN 13 4:55

Dear Mr. President:

In July of 1997, the Congress passed HR 2015, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, after extensive negotiations with the White House. Section 4015 of the Act authorized the creation of a Medicare Subvention Pilot Program to address the vital issue of medical care for military retirees over the age of 65. The Act further stated that the program should have begun January 1, 1998.

I have now been informed that start of the Medicare Subvention Pilot Program has been delayed for at least six months due to bureaucratic problems between the Health Care Financing Administration and the Department of Defense. In fact, these two departments are not even prepared to announce the sites that have been selected. The delay in the start of this program means that the results of this three year pilot program will be delayed, thus depriving Congress of the results we need to evaluate whether Medicare Subvention should be expanded to all military retirees over 65 years of age.

Mr. President, you have expressed a desire to expand Medicare coverage to everyone at age 62, but HCFA, the agency that oversees Medicare, cannot even work with another agency in your administration to get a Congressionally authorized program under way. I would, as would all military retirees, appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Wayne Allard
United States Senator

CC: Secretary William Cohen
Secretary Donna Shalala

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 15, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen(R-FL).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

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December 22, 1997

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The President
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Dear President Clinton:

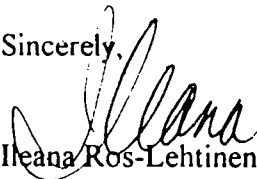
Various of my Congressional constituents, representing the Dade County Public School System, have contacted my office to voice their strong support for H.R. 3086 and S. 1396, the Meals for Achievement Act recently introduced by Representative Lynn Woolsey and Senator Tim Johnson, respectively.

These bills introduced in Congress will "amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1996 to expand the School Breakfast Program in elementary schools and to provide greater access to snacks in school-based childcare programs."

My constituents state that recent studies have shown the strong correlation between proper nutrition and academic achievement. As you have already begun to work on your 1999 budget, they kindly request that you "not forget this basic tool which improves school performance."

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
Member of Congress

IRL:jt
cc: Elaine Osburn, Region Coordinator
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Dade County Public Schools
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January 15, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED
Jennifer Klein

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Reps. Tim Roemer (D-IN) and Deborah Pryce (R-OH).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 23, 1997

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. President,

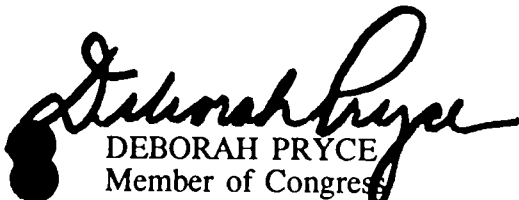
We are writing to commend you for expressing your commitment to expanding access to affordable, quality child care for working families. We share this goal, and look forward to working with you to develop effective policies that will ensure our nation's children receive the care they need to develop into healthy, intelligent, and productive adults.

As you contemplate a variety of policies designed to help parents balance work and family, we thought you may want to consider legislation that we have sponsored in each of the past three Congresses. The Child Care Availability Incentive Act (H.R. 988) would provide tax credits to businesses that provide licensed on-site or site-adjacent dependent care to their employees. In our view, child care available at the work site offers benefits to be realized by both the employer and employee, including greater worker productivity, lower absenteeism, and happier, less-stressed parents and children. H.R. 988 addresses a growing concern of many parents in America, without creating another government program or placing new mandates on businesses.

Each year, since 1993, our bill has received broad, bipartisan support. In the 105th Congress, H.R. 988 has been cosponsored by 45 Members -- 15 Republicans and 30 Democrats. We have attached a copy of our legislation, as well as a cost estimate by the Congressional Budget Office, for your review. We welcome any comments and questions you may have.

Again, we stand ready to work with you on a bipartisan basis to provide a brighter future for our nation through the care of our children. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


DEBORAH PRYCE
Member of Congress


TIM ROEMER
Member of Congress

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(REVENUE ANALYSIS)

APR 04 1995

Honorable Deborah Pryce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mrs. Pryce:

This letter is in response to your request for a revenue estimate of H.R. 881, the "Child Care Availability Incentive Act".

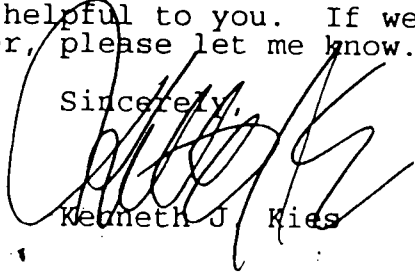
Specifically, this bill would grant employers a tax credit equal to 50 percent of the expenses paid or incurred by the employer during the taxable year in providing dependent care services for employees. No tax credit would be allowed for expenses paid by the employer which were reimbursed by the employee for such dependent care services. For purposes of this proposal the term "qualified day care center" means any day care center (1) which is operated by the taxpayer exclusively for purposes of providing dependent care services to employees, (2) which is located on the business premises of the taxpayer or on a site adjacent to such premises, (3) which complies with all applicable laws and regulations of a State or unit of local government, and 4) the operation of which is part of a dependent care assistance program.

As requested in your letter of March 29, 1995 we are estimating this bill as if it were included in H.R. 1215 as passed by the Committee on Ways and Means. It is assumed that this bill would be effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1995. The effect on Federal fiscal year budget receipts is shown below.

Fiscal Years [Millions of Dollars]					
<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1996-2000</u>
-54	-120	-165	-219	-283	-841

I hope this information is helpful to you. If we can be of further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Kenneth J. Kies

THE WHITE HOUSEⁱ
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

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November 13, 1997

The Honorable Bill Clinton
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

DEC 8 *10:18

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to provide you with a very important tool in addressing issues of gangs, violence and kids.

On September 29th, 1997, a historic town hall meeting took place in Billings, Montana. In a cooperative and coordinated effort between media, school officials, law enforcement, non-profit organizations, government representatives, and community leaders, as well as experienced leaders from outside the state, a one-hour presentation called "Gangs, Violence and Kids" was aired on every major media outlet in the Billings area.

This presentation featured a panel and studio audience that included the above as well as a cross-section representing the region. Concerns were raised, perceptions were addressed, and issues were confronted.

By no means an end to itself, this town hall meeting has launched a series of follow-up gatherings, a foundation, a mentoring connection, in addition to feeding support into ongoing programs like the U.S. Department of Justice's Weed and Seed program for Billings and surrounding communities.

Beginning last week, a series of 30-second public service announcements to ANSWER the issues raised in the town hall meeting will contribute to the public's understanding of how these important issues affect our neighborhoods. I especially appreciate the significant commitment on the part of those who have agreed to continue in their role as advocates for change.

I am extremely proud of what Billings has done and how its residents strive to respond to important issues. I hope you will see fit to make this material available to the justice and family advocacy agencies and organizations who are looking for ways to positively impact our nation's youths, families and communities.

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED
JENNIFER KLEIN

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rep. Nancy L. Johnson (R-CT) and others.

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

December 11, 1997

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In the wake of the first White House Conference on Child Care, we would like to recognize your involvement in this critically important issue. The Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues has spent much of the last two decades focusing on issues of particular importance to women and families, such as child care. Research indicates that the quality of child care for young children has a significant impact on their cognitive development as well as their use of language. In this regard, our bi-partisan caucus recommends focusing on three critical areas in order to promote high-quality child care for our nation's working families:

Emotional and Cognitive Development of Infants and Toddlers:

A recent Carnegie Corporation study noted that the first three years of life are critical in the brain development of children, and that brain development is far more susceptible to adverse effects than had been realized earlier. An infant's early experiences play a critical role in shaping emotional and cognitive development. Quality child care, defined by positive care giving and language stimulation, are directly related to early cognitive and language development.

The Cost and identification of Quality Child Care:

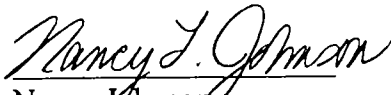
A family's need for child care depends on numerous factors, including: marital status, work hours, occupation, economic self-sufficiency, tax liability and geographic location. The cost of high-quality child care is often prohibitive, ranging anywhere from \$4,000 to \$10,000 a year for full day child care for one child. Some parents may also require assistance in identifying qualified, accredited child care providers with whom they feel comfortable entrusting their child.

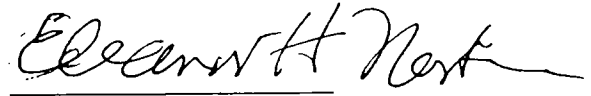
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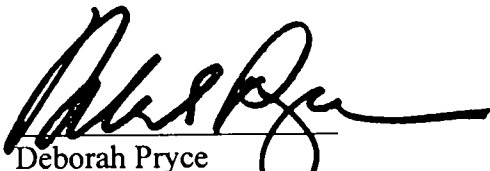
Many states have enacted minimum requirements for basic health and safety standards in child care. Such requirements include: ensuring that child care providers have first aid and CPR training; requiring that child care providers wash their hands before and after diapering and preparing food; and ensuring that minimum child-staff ratios are appropriate. We recognize the value of such health and safety standards.

On behalf of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, we invite you to work with us in making high quality child care a reality for all of our nation's working families. Together, we can ensure that this issue receives the high priority which it deserves.

Sincerely,


Nancy Johnson
Co-Chair, Women's Caucus


Eleanor Holmes Norton
Co-Chair, Women's Caucus


Deborah Pryce
Co-Chair, Child Care Taskforce


Ellen Tauscher
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THE WHITE HOUSE⁷
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January 14, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED
JENNIFER KLEIN

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

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January 6, 1998

President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20006-9900

JAN 7 1998

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my appreciation for the leadership that you and the First Lady have shown on the issues of quality child care and the needs of very young children. Your White House conference on early brain development, conference on child care, and your commitment to expanding Head Start, have brought attention and resources to deal with this problem in a way which no other individual or group could have done alone.

I am particularly pleased to hear that you are planning to make a substantial child care initiative an important part of your State of the Union speech and fiscal year 1999 budget. Last November, I joined a group of Senators and Representatives in urging OMB Director Raines to target \$20 billion over the next five years to an initiative that would improve the quality and accessibility of child care for American working families, and would like to thank you for proposing such an initiative. I look forward to joining you at the White House tomorrow afternoon to hear the details of your proposal.

As you know, I have proposed legislation that would provide grants to states to help families afford good child care and create incentives to improve the quality of available care. I urge you to ensure that the proposal you unveil tomorrow include a substantial commitment to quality and access, particularly for the children of the poor and working poor who are most vulnerable, who need quality care the most, and who are least likely to receive such care without support. I assure you that I will do everything in my power to move such a proposal through Congress this year.

I look forward to hearing the details of your initiative and to working with you on this issue through the coming months.

Sincerely,

ROSA L. DeLAURO
Member of Congress

RLD/bjs

cc: Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
Director Franklin Raines
Secretary Donna Shalala
Secretary Robert Rubin

THE WHITE HOUSEⁱ
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED
JENNIFER KLEIN

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rep. Cynthia A. McKinney (D-GA).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

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December 16, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

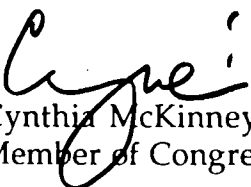
I applaud your recent announcement to include daycare relief to working families in your State of the Union Address. As you look to achieve this, I would like for you to consider my proposal for helping working families to afford daycare.

At the end of this first session, I reintroduced the Family Dependent Care Act. By making the tax credit refundable, expanding the income scale and increasing the credit, more working families will have the opportunity to benefit from the daycare credit. In the 104th Congress, I introduced similar legislation and at the time, it was also included in the Democratic Families First Agenda. Currently, the Family Dependent Care Act is gaining cosponsors everyday and has been included in the second session Democratic Agenda.

Again, I thank you for taking the initiative to helping working families. I look forward to your support on this important issue. For your convenience, I have enclosed a copy of the Family Dependent Care Affordability Act.

With the warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,


Cynthia McKinney
Member of Congress

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE⁷
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rep. Greg Ganske (R-IA).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
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GREG GANSKE
FOURTH DISTRICT
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January 8, 1998

The Honorable William M. Thomas
U.S. House of Representatives
2208 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

(Identical letters sent
to all appointees)

Dear Congressman Thomas:

Bill

Now that the Holidays are over, I suspect you are as anxious as I am for the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare to get started on its work. The first question we must ask ourselves is--what should the Commission do?

The legislation creating the Commission specifies both analysis and advice. We are to analyze the long-term financial condition of Medicare, identify problems in Part A and B and analyze appropriate benefits, among other matters. And we are to make recommendations on ensuring the solvency of the trust funds, balancing beneficiary benefits and contributions, recommend solutions on financing graduate medical education and disability, and advise on the Medicare age of entry. All this by March 1, 1999, with recommendations requiring a two-thirds majority.

It is also clear that our Commission's mandate covers everything from a minor tweaking to a major overhaul of the program. I therefore think that our first order of business should be a goal, a "mission statement," if you will. We should publicly commit ourselves to that goal. In so doing, the Commission can act as a catalyst. . . rather than an excuse for further delay of difficult decisions.

In setting that goal, we need to be realistic. We need to keep the big picture in mind and not get bogged down in too many details. I would suggest a few principles:

1. I think we should keep an open mind to all suggestions. Partisan sniping only makes the public more cynical.

2. The public--the elderly, employers, employees, consumers, Generation Xers, Boomers, providers--should be involved. I would advise a series of hearings around the country. (And since we all are busy, the sooner a schedule can be devised the better.)
3. Waste, fraud and abuse won't cut it. Try and fix it, yes, but focus on the real causes of out-of-control growth--few Medicare cost-saving incentives, the development of new treatments and age-wave demographics.
4. We need to look at Medicare's **total** costs, not just trust fund solvency. The total sum of what Medicare spends annually should be measured against the total sum it takes in through payroll tax, premiums and user fees. We must do better than merely shifting costs from A to B.
5. No new benefits without paying for them.
6. Medicare financing should be equitably shared by beneficiaries.
7. Recognize that Medicare competes for resources with all other government programs. We shouldn't "save" Medicare by gutting other needed government programs. . . or by gouging future tax payers.

These are not easy issues. Crafting real solutions will require time, effort, and courage. Finally, none of this can happen until a Chairman is selected. I hope you will join me in urging President Clinton, Speaker Gingrich, and Majority Leader Lott to choose a Chairman quickly. The clock is ticking. . . both on our Commission and on Medicare.

I look forward to working with you soon.

Sincerely,



Greg Ganske

Member of Congress

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cc: President Bill Clinton
Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich
Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Sen. Russell D. Feingold (D-WI).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4904

January 7, 1998

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The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I commend you for the leadership you have shown throughout your administration regarding education. Your efforts to strengthen and improve the quality of public education for students, teachers and schools have helped to focus national attention on the needs for future generations.

The 1998 budget proposal you sent to Congress last year reflected the importance you place upon investment in public school reform. In anticipation of your 1999 budget proposal, I am writing to urge your administration to make small class size in the earliest school grades a priority in any public education reform you propose.

While I certainly recognize that teacher quality, high expectations and parental involvement are important factors in quality education, the significance of small class size cannot be underestimated. As you may know, my own state of Wisconsin has taken a leadership role in developing plans to help schools maintain class size at reasonable levels. Wisconsin's Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) program, a pilot program which reduces class size in low-income schools, has shown that small classes can significantly boost academic performance. In fact, according to a study released December 9, 1997, first-graders participating in SAGE scored higher on standardized tests than students in comparison schools. Also, African-American students, particularly boys, participating in SAGE appear to benefit from smaller class size. The results of the research suggest that small class size may allay the negative impact of poverty on educational achievement.

As you are aware, prompted by Wisconsin's experience with SAGE, I offered an amendment to the FY 98 Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations legislation (P.L. 105-78) requiring the Department of Education (DOE) to study the costs and benefits of reducing class size in the earliest grades. The language, which is contained in the final Conference Report accompanying P.L. 105-78, also requires DOE to prepare cost estimates of growing enrollments and to follow up with policy recommendations.

My understanding is that DOE, pursuant to the Conference Report, is currently preparing that study. I hope you will consider allocating resources within the budget to implement the recommendations of the study once results are available midyear. Making the budget commitment now will assist the Administration in carrying out the recommendations of the study in FY 99.

The federal government should follow Wisconsin's lead. Again, I encourage you to make small class size in the earliest grades of school a priority in your 1999 budget proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Feingold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Russ" and last name "Feingold" clearly distinguishable.

Russell D. Feingold

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rep. James P. McGovern (D-MA).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

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JAMES P. McGOVERN
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William Jefferson Clinton
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

I wish to express my deep appreciation and strong support for the issues you and the First Lady have raised over the past year regarding early childhood development and access to quality child care. On behalf of my constituents and colleagues, I would like to encourage you to make these important issues of development and care for our youngest citizens -- those five years and younger -- a centerpiece of your address to the nation on January 27th.

In meetings last November between White House officials and Members of Congress who have taken the lead on these issues, we discussed a proposal that would target \$20 billion over the next five years toward improving the quality of early childhood development and increasing the ability of working families to have access to quality early childhood development and child care programs. In recent weeks, White House officials have made statements indicating a commitment to achieve these goals through a combination of tax credits for families paying for child care and increased funding for early childhood development and child care programs that enhance the quality of care and access to these services.

I want you to be assured that I will strongly support such initiatives, especially those that would allow more lower-income working families to place their infants and toddlers in a quality developmental environment and those that would make funds available to states to enhance access to and the quality of their programs for children five years and younger. I would hope that such proposals initiated by the White House would be balanced between providing financial relief to those families who can already afford child care and providing program funds for enhanced access and quality care to working families of more modest means. I would also hope that proposals will support state initiatives to improve the quality of early child care and increase access to that care. It is essential that states be able to attract the very best child care providers by establishing high standards and salaries commensurate with the training and education required for quality care.

Together, you and the Congress have already taken initial steps toward achieving these goals. Last year's budget agreement included \$4 billion over five years to expand the Head Start/Early Start program, which is facing reauthorization during this session of Congress. And

last year, through the efforts of many of my colleagues and me, the FY98 appropriations bill for Labor, Health and Human Services, and the Education Departments included \$114 million in additional funding for key early childhood development programs.

Early childhood development and quality child care are key elements in providing for the collective good of our nation. Their benefits are not just to the families and children themselves; their benefits accrue to the whole of society. Programs and incentives that ensure quality care and an environment in which every child in America might develop to his or her full potential will contribute to a healthier, more productive nation. Such programs are an investment in America's future, and I salute you and the First Lady for championing these programs.

I look forward to reviewing your proposals as they are announced and to hearing them highlighted in the State of the Union Address later this month.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim McGovern", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress

cc: First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
Franklin Raines, Director, Office of Management and Budget

THE WHITE HOUSEⁱ
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT).

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Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

Enclosure

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 2, 1998

1-14-2004

The Honorable Bill Clinton
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have been contacted by Charles and Vicky Parker regarding their son, Bryan Becker, of Billings, Montana.

Bryan, 14 years old, was diagnosed with leukemia this year. His mother immediately mobilized a blood drive in Billings, Montana to expand and identify donors who could be possible marrow matches with her son. As you can see from the enclosed newspaper articles, there was an immediate response from the Billings community to be tested for Bryan's need.

Mrs. Parker has asked the assistance of my office in providing the enclosed information to you as well as asking for the support of the White House and the Montana congressional delegation to support funding for legislation dealing with bone marrow donor programs, such as:

- 1) To extend the National Bone Marrow Donor Program, and to establish a provision regarding the bone marrow registry and persons of mixed ancestry. [H.R.2418.IH]
- 2) National Marrow Donor Program Reauthorization Act of 1997 [H.R.2202.IH]

I am pleased to be able to forward this information to you and to request your support and assistance for families like Bryan's.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Conrad Burns
Congressman Rick Hill
Secretary Donna Shalala

December 3, 1997

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Dear President Clinton,

Hello! I want to first introduce myself. I am Vicky Parker and who I am really makes no difference but the person I'm writing to you about does. The young man that shares the front page of our local newspaper with you is my son, Bryan Becker.

Briefly the story tells how my son Bryan was diagnosed with C.M.L. (Leukemia) this last summer. As a parent I know you can imagine the feeling that comes when you find out that something serious is endangering your child. It was devastating to find out about Bryan but we have a deep faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and know that **no matter what He is in control**. After finding out that Bryan needs a Bone Marrow Transplant we were just waiting to go through that process so Bryan can get back to normal. Then we found out there is not a match for Bryan. The only thing we as his family could do at this point was have a bone marrow drive which was a huge success with **800** people coming forward to donate marrow.

Now, for the reason I am writing to you about this. Our drive went 2 days and on the first day so many people came we ran out of funding and had to turn people away. Thank God that night we found more funding. That day was so very upsetting to have to watch the possible donor for my son or someone else's loved one walk away because of lack of funding.

There is right now a federal grant that will fund anyone of a minority background, but if you are not a minority there is a fee involved of at least \$20.00 depending on the funds available. I have no idea if there is anything you can do about this matter but I wanted to bring it to your attention. A person needing a bone marrow transplant **has to match the donor no matter who you are**, what your status, title or earthly worth is. **If you do not have a match you cannot have a bone marrow transplant**. So..., the only thing to do is make it as **easy as possible** for anyone willing to be placed in the registry so **everyone** has a better chance of finding a donor match to be able to do so. Please as my president, as a father of a child, as God's creation, use your available resources and influence to help Bryan and millions of others by finding a way to fund bone marrow testing. I have enclosed a sheet with names and numbers for contacting for further information if needed.

Thank You,
You are in our prayers.
Bryan's mom, Vicky Parker

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*Teen with cancer
hopes donor
drive will help ...*

Find a perfect match

By **JOSH GOLDBERG**
Of The Gazette Staff

BRYAN BECKER, A freshman at Senior High, didn't want people to know he was diagnosed with leukemia four months ago and would need a bone marrow transplant for the best chance of a full recovery. He didn't want their pity and he didn't think it was any of their business.

"I just thought only me and my friends, my best friends, should know and thought it was no one else's business," Bryan, 14, said recently.

But Bryan's mom, Vicki Parker, put an end to that thinking, and fast. When doctors couldn't find a bone marrow match for Bryan from his sister Brandy, 17, or his two half-brothers, Louis, 7, and Matthew, 4, they looked to a national donor registry.

When only one potential donor from that list was found — and doctors were pessimistic about that prospect — Parker decided to organize a donor drive here in Billings.

Parker said the wait to find a matching donor is sometimes almost as painful as learning about Bryan's condition.

"I asked the doctors whether we should do our own bone marrow drive; I guessed it would have been something good to do instead of just waiting," she said.

GETTING TESTED

WHERE: Rimrock Mall

WHEN: Friday noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

FEE: Waived for first 200 people

WHAT: Only 2 or 3 teaspoons of blood will be drawn

Call Elaine Turner at 800-423-0151, Ext. 138, to sign up or for more information.

Blood tests available

At Parker's behest — and with the help of the Inland Northwest Blood Center, a Spokane, Wash., group that organizes donor drives — a bone marrow drive will be held at Rimrock Mall on Friday from noon to 7 p.m., and on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Parker said she has

spent the last several weeks handing out hundreds of fliers advertising the drive, trying to get any and all to come to the mall to be tested.

But don't worry, she said, getting tested this weekend doesn't commit anyone to anything. Only two or three teaspoons of blood need to be drawn, and the test is only the first part of a very long process of becoming a donor.

Bryan's bout with leukemia began this summer after he took a nasty spill during a dirt bike race in Billings. At first, it

appeared that Bryan had simply bruised his spleen. Parker said Bryan's doctors even joked after the wreck that Bryan had quite a large spleen for a 14-year-old. But a month later, the pain continued, and doctors worried about the abnormally high count of white blood cells in Bryan's blood. After more tests, they learned he had chronic myelogenous leukemia

(CML), a cancer of the bone marrow that, among other things, overproduces ineffective white blood cells in the blood stream, damaging a person's ability to fight infection.

"CML isn't as difficult to cure as other types of leukemia if it's caught in the early stages," Parker said. Chemotherapy can knock the cancer into remission, but CML is best treated with a bone marrow transplant, usually within a year of when the disease is discovered, Bryan's doctors said.

"With Bryan," Parker said, "the doctors said they found the leukemia 99 percent sooner than they do in most other cases; that's because of the motorcycle accident. Without the accident, it could have been a year or more before we knew anything was wrong."

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Donor

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Despite the quick discovery, the family still faces the daunting task of finding Bryan a donor. Finding a match for someone's bone marrow, which is found in the cavities of the body's bones, can be difficult because tissue types usually are specific to certain racial or ethnic groups.

In Bryan's case, Parker said, doctors believe the donor will be someone with an Asian or Pacific Islands background, two minority groups that are sorely underrepresented in the national registry.

Considering Billings' racial mix, Parker admits that chances of finding the right match for Bryan are slim. She still hopes to find a match from donor drives elsewhere around the country, but she said she couldn't help but try to do something here in the meantime.

"There aren't a lot of people (in Billings) from the minority ethnic groups Bryan needs for a match, but we still wanted to have the donor drive," she said. "Even if we don't

"I didn't like the idea of the donor drive at first because I didn't want a lot of people to know."

— Bryan Becker
cancer patient

find a match in Billings, we're not worried. When we were in Seattle (where the transplant will take place), we met a boy there who had been looking for a match for two years. There's still time."

And then there was the matter of finding a location for the drive.

"At first, I thought about having it at our church, but I wanted it someplace central that everyone knows," she said. "We thought about the high school or the Shrine and then I thought about the mall. I called and spoke to (Rimrock Mall Marketing Director Kendall Merrick), and she said fine."

Since then, Rimrock's marketing department has taken over for much of the publicity for the donor drive, Parker said, and has even helped



Gazette photo by Ken Blackbird

A donor drive for 14-year-old cancer patient Bryan Becker, above, is slated for Friday and Saturday at Rimrock Mall.

out with some of the funding. The blood test usually costs around \$40, but the National Children's Cancer Society has offered to pay the cost for the first 150 people who sign up. Rimrock Mall and the National Marrow Donor Program will split the cost for the next 50 people.

"I hope to get even more funding, so no one has to pay," Parker said. Because potential donors with minority backgrounds are so scarce in the registry, their fee is waived. "But I don't want anyone to shy away from being tested because of the \$40 fee," Parker said.

Volunteers may pre-register

Laura Oiland, the supervisor of the Inland Northwest Blood Center's donor drive program, said people interested in being tested this weekend to preregister by phone. They can call Elaine Turner at 800-423-0151, Ext. 138, to sign up or for more information.

"There's still funding available for people to be tested for free," Oiland said. "But we recommend people still come to the drive even if they think they may have missed out. We're still trying to raise funds so no one has to pay to be tested."

Oiland said prospective donors'

names will go into the national registry and may get matched with a patient other than Bryan.

"We just want everyone to be comfortable with that ahead of time," she said.

Despite all the hullabaloo, Bryan appears as healthy as any high school freshman, Parker said. Medication keeps his spleen in check and his white blood cell count low. He continued to ride dirt bikes late into the summer – a little less competitively – and plans to try out for the Senior High basketball team.

"Looking at him, you can't tell there's anything wrong," said Bryan's physician in Billings, Dr. Patrick Cobb. "But we'd still like to do the transplant within the next year, when he's the healthiest and there are less risks."

There may be risks, but Bryan remains sheepish about all the attention he is getting.

"I didn't like the idea of the donor drive at first because I didn't want a lot of people to know," Bryan said. "But after my mom got it started, it didn't matter to me because it can help a lot of other people. Of course, I hope it helps me find a donor, but if it helps someone else find one, great."

▼ YOUNG MAN'S MOTHER AMAZED AT TURNOUT

800 respond to call for marrow blood test

By **JOSH GOLDBERG**
Of The Gazette Staff

Race may be a touchy subject in the world today, but when it comes to life or death medical realities, it's hard to avoid who you are and where you come from.

In the case of Bryan Becker, the 14-year-old Billings boy recently diagnosed with leukemia, only a bone marrow transplant can guarantee the best chance of full recovery. And only someone with an Asian or Pacific Islands background can provide the necessary match to Bryan's marrow for the

procedure. Such minority groups are sorely underrepresented in the national registry of prospective bone marrow donors.

Kimberly Kurth, who lives in Billings and works at the Rimrock Inn, recently read in The Gazette about Bryan's situation and about the donor drive this weekend at Rimrock Mall. In The Gazette article, Bryan's mother, Vicki Parker, said Billings probably doesn't have many people with the necessary minority background needed for a match for Bryan.

Kurth, 21 and of Korean descent, said she found Parker's

"I give blood regularly anyway, so I thought this would be great. It would have a big impact on my life if I could help in some way."

— Kimberly Kurth
of Billings

comment about the lack of Asians or Pacific Islanders in Billings funny as well as true, so she decided to head to the mall Saturday to be tested as a potential donor.

"I laughed when I read that," Kurth said. "I thought, 'Gee, I bet

that's true. I'm sure they're having a tough time finding someone here.'" She said her Asian background and Bryan's predicament were "definitely a big pull" in get-

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Blood

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ting her out to the mall.

"I give blood regularly anyway, so I thought this would be great," she said. "It would have a big impact on my life if I could help in some way."

Vicki Parker, greeting people at the entrance to Rimrock Mall's Center Court, where the donor drive was held Saturday, said she was amazed by the turnout this weekend. She said 365 people showed up to be tested Friday and over 400 turned up Saturday. Throughout both days, prospective donors sat in the mall's Center Court, filling out medical information sheets at one table, interviewing with registered nurses at another and waiting in a short line at yet another to have a couple of teaspoons of blood drawn.

"After the story in the paper, the center (the Inland Northwest Blood Center, the Spokane, Wash., group that helped organize the drive) got 75 calls the next morning from people who wanted to sign up," Parker said. "It's wonderful. There's not even a word to explain how grateful we are."

This summer, Bryan was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), a cancer of the bone marrow that, among other things, overproduces white blood cells, damaging a person's ability to fight infection. Thirty percent of the time in these cases, a marrow donor can be found among the patient's relatives. But neither Bryan's sister Brandy, 17, nor his half-brothers, Louis, 7, and Matthew, 4, came up as

a match.

When prospects in the National Bone Marrow Program's registry seemed sparse, Parker decided to organize the donor drive in Billings to see if she could find one here.

And she said she's encouraged by this weekend's turnout. The about 800 people who showed up may be the most ever to participate in an Inland Northwest Blood Center drive in a long time.

"It's the largest drive I've done in the seven years I've been working for the center," said Laura Oiland, the center's donor drive supervisor. She said she usually uses two phlebotomists — technicians licensed to draw blood — for a drive, but had to hire two more when she saw the size of the crowd.

Parker said the Center Court got so crowded at about noon Friday that they realized they were shorthanded. Fortunately, two people waiting to be tested happened to be licensed to draw blood and were able to jump behind the testing tables to help out.

Even if people end up matching a cancer patient in the registry, Oiland said, there is still no obligation to become a donor. Potential donors will be notified in about two to four weeks that their names are in the registry, but they could find out in a matter of days if they match a patient. And chances are it could be someone other than Bryan.

"But it's always voluntary to go on and become an actual donor," Oiland said. "The good news is we had a high percentage of people from the Asian and American Indian population tested this weekend. That's a plus for Bryan and that's a plus for those other patients who need a donor from a minority background."

THE WHITE HOUSEⁱ
WASHINGTON

January 14, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Sen. John H. Chafee (R-RI).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

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JOHN H. CHAFEE

January 5, 1998

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

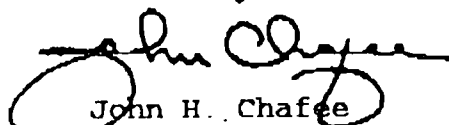
I am writing to request your assistance with an important community project. Thanks to your leadership, we have seen considerable progress with regard to reducing gun violence. Yet more must be done, particularly with regard to children.

To prevent young people from falling victim to gun violence, we must encourage them to think about the risks posed by guns. Toward that end, last year I joined with community leaders in sponsoring a voluntary statewide contest for Rhode Island students on why, in their own words, "Guns Aren't Cool." All students were invited to participate, with older children (grades 3-12) asked to write essays and younger students (grades K-2) to make posters. Our contest generated an enthusiastic response from young people throughout the state, with essay and poster entries from more than 80 schools in 28 cities and towns.

Thanks to local business sponsors, the winning students were presented with scholarships. In addition, the three first-place winners for grades 3-12 and their parents were invited to Washington, DC, later this month. Given your efforts to reduce gun violence and keep children safe, I am writing to ask whether I may bring the three students and their parents to the White House to have their photograph taken with you on January 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Such an honor -- on a day meant to celebrate the philosophy of non-violence advocated by Dr. King -- not only would thrill the young winners, but would signal to them how important the Guns Aren't Cool theme is to all of us, including the President of the United States.

Enclosed are copies of two winning essays. While I know that the demands of your schedule are heavy, I hope you will give my request every positive consideration.

Sincerely,


John H. Chafee
U.S. Senator

JHC/afd

Why such senseless killing?

KIRA RYAN-SPONBERG

PROVIDENCE JOURNAL
July 2, 1997



This article was selected as the best among those submitted in the high school student division in an essay contest sponsored by Sen. John Chafee on the subject of "Why guns aren't cool."

I SAW SPARKS FLY as a bullet escaped the barrel of the gun, accompanied by a deafening bang. As a streak of blood began to show on the teacher's wrist, I froze, watching in terror as it seeped from the wound, dyeing the sleeve of her white blouse a bright crimson. I saw that she was not the only one who had been a victim of that awful weapon.

In slow motion, the teacher drew back like a curtain, revealing the body of a girl, lying motionless on her desk. This girl, the video's narrator stated, would have graduated in a few months, gone on to college, and begun a career. She lay there, her dreams shattered by the gaping hole so fearfully planted in her chest.

I nearly choked trying to hold back the tears that day in class, when our D.A.R.E. officer showed us the video described above. I tried to calm myself, insisting that they were only actors in a video, that the blood flowing from the teacher's wrist and ringing the girl's wound was fake. But in my heart, I knew that the story in the film was one of many terrible tragedies.

Kids do obtain guns and bring them to school. They shoot people and kill them and destroy their lives and bring grief to their families. Every day, 135,000 children bring guns to school. Every year, more than 5,000 children die from these weapons.

Why? Why do all these kids meet such senseless deaths? What laws protect us from our own classmates? Even in our small city's middle and high schools, guns have been uncovered, and in many other schools around the state, students have been shot.

I don't think I can recall a month when I didn't hear the grab-voiced news anchors announce, with the same annoying sense of *deja vu*, that another student was found carrying a gun. I was almost angry at them for treating the issue in such an unimportant manner. The commentators never expressed how terrible it was when a student's life was cut short by a bullet. They never spoke about the blood and the horror of hearing a gun go off, and seeing a fellow classmate dead.

The movies are no better. They rarely tell the whole truth, the horror of being shot. The media has made a rapid, unsettling descent into the glorification of gun violence. Why? Because people, adults and children alike, will watch.

American culture has become addicted to violence. When the teenager stumbles across a loaded handgun in a parent's bureau drawer, he doesn't think of placing flowers on a grave — he imagines Arnold Schwarzenegger pumping lead into a band of international terrorists. The consequences don't cross his mind until after he shoots his best friend.

who are the most deeply injured, are the family and friends of the deceased. The loss destroys them and everyone else who was close to that person. One mother writes of the year when her child was shot and killed: She slipped into a coma of grief and tried to hold her family together as the dead one's siblings became seriously depressed and psychologically disturbed.

When a gun goes off, everyone suffers.

I read a story about an inner-city girl who knew this all too well. Her friends would plan their funerals as some girls plan their weddings, for funerals held as much of a place in their lives as dances or sporting events.

"Every day, someone else gets killed." The quote, in boldface type, leaps out at me from the top of the page, shocking me with the pain of the girl's desperate words.

This is reality. This is the sorrow that guns leave in their wake. And I cried for that girl and the ones she had lost, because it did not have to be that way. If someone had not picked up a gun and fired it, they would not be walking to the church for another memorial service.

A gun is not a toy, or a sex symbol, or a security measure. It is a weapon, and its effects are terrible. You sit on a seesaw of life and death when someone has a gun. All it takes is one little squeeze of that trigger.

How many more children have to die before we do something?

Kira Ryan-Sponberg has completed the 10th grade at Brown High School in Newsmar.

CRANSTON HERALD, July 3, 1997

Guns Aren't Cool

By JOSHUA SIMON
Grade 6
Hugh B. Bain Middle School
1st place

I cannot see the bright sky or the lush green grass — they are just shades of hazy gray. I can hear a siren in the distance, but it seems as if it is miles and miles away. To my left there is a small pool of blood and a firearm that appears to be my own. Guns aren't cool.

I can hear my girlfriend shouting and sobbing and repeating my name over and over. She is opening my jacket, and I think she is covered with blood. A voice calls, "Hold on! Everything will be okay!" but I am not so sure. Guns aren't cool.

Suddenly I see my fifth grade DARE officer. He is explaining that about 40,000 people were killed by guns in 1993. The thought never occurred to me that I would become one of those statistics. I also see my friend showing me where his father keeps his gun. Today I realize why I was told guns are very dangerous and can injure or kill you. I always thought that it could never happen to me, but I was wrong. Guns aren't cool.

I see my best friend leaning over me with a frown on his face. I can feel the guilt inside of him, even though he is not to blame. "The ambulance is almost here. You're going to make it," he tells me, although he is crying. I stare at him and wonder if this will be the last person I see. Guns aren't cool.

I hear the paramedics racing out of their truck to check my condition. Many people are asking if I will be okay, but I am only half-listening. Out of the corner of my eye, I can see the police trying to clear away the bystanders. I can also see a paramedic examining me. He is opening my shirt, and the pain is tearing at me like a knife. Guns aren't cool.

Suddenly a woman rushed through the crowd to me. I feel weaker; however, I can still recognize this woman from somewhere. I focus all my attention to her as she weeps and then I remember, she is my mother. I should have listened when she told me that about 187 people per 100,000 between the ages of 15 and 19 are killed by guns each year. I always thought that it did not affect me and it never would. Now I realize that I did not only hurt myself, but I hurt my entire family, all of my friends, and the other shooter. Guns aren't cool.

I can hear the paramedic as he says, "It does not look promising." So now I wonder why I did this to myself. I deeply saddened my family, especially my mother. I want to tell her I am sorry for not listening, but I do not have the strength. I always thought it looked cool to have a gun, and I would be more popular among my friends. However, I do not think the position I am in now is cool and I am not popular at all. Guns aren't cool.

Suddenly I feel myself being lifted onto a stretcher. My mother and some friends are beside me holding my hand and saying, "Hang in there! You'll be fine." I wish I could believe them. As I am being put in the ambulance, I take what will probably be my last look outside. I see a small wide-eyed child and hope that he will be smarter and have more common sense than I. I hope he will realize what I finally have before it's too late — guns aren't cool.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 10, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from J.D. Hayworth (R-AZ) and others.

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

Enclosure

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

December 18, 1997

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear President Clinton:

As members of the Congressional Native American Caucus, we are writing to express our support for the proposed Indian education Executive Order that is currently being considered by the Domestic Policy Council's Working Group on American Indian and Alaskan Natives.

We understand that the proposed Indian education Executive Order will come before the Working Group in the near future for final approval before being referred to the Domestic Policy Council. As you know, many Native American groups collaborated on this Executive Order and are in strong support of this proposal. We believe the draft Executive Order makes Indian education a national priority and at the same time reaffirms our nation's commitment to a federal role in the education of Indian children.

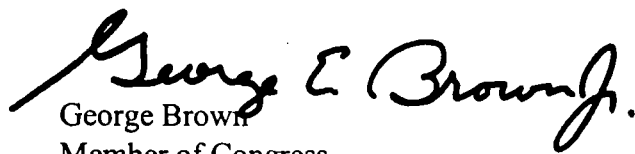
By issuing an Executive Order on Indian education, it is our hope that the federal government's Indian education efforts would be more focused and coordinated. We believe it would establish a uniform method for carrying out the educational concerns of Indian people that were so clearly articulated in the proposed Comprehensive Federal Indian Education Policy Statement (CFIEPS).

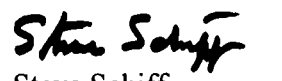
Again, we urge your favorable consideration of an Executive Order on Indian education that would honor our country's commitment to the First Americans. We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,


J.D. Hayworth
Member of Congress


Dale Kildee
Member of Congress


George Brown
Member of Congress

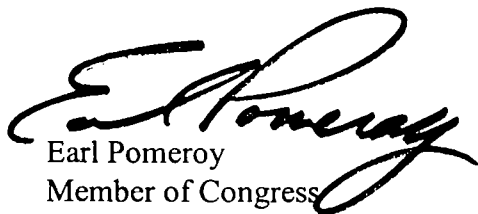

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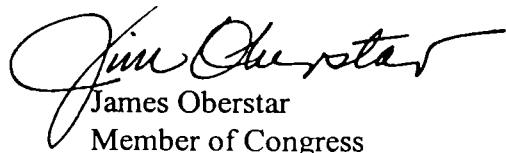
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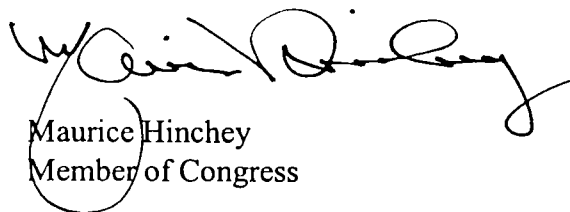
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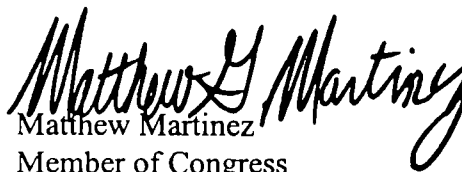
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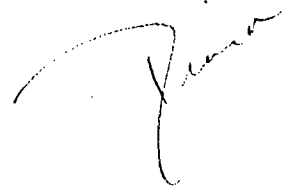
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THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 5, 1998



MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED
~~JENNIFER KLEIN~~

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY 
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

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President William Jefferson Clinton
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Dear President Clinton:

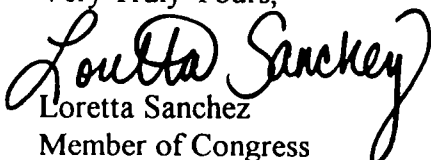
I am writing this letter to respectfully request your support and recommendation of H.R. 2964, "The Older and Disabled Americans Protection Act of 1997". Many seniors want their well-deserved independence during the later years of their lives and as a result enter into shared housing agreements. These arrangements are non-fee, home-finder referral services that match seniors or the disabled with others who wish to share a house, apartment, or mobile home at affordable rates.

Unfortunately, senior citizens are all too often being manipulated and abused within the privacy of their own homes. Abuse in shared housing arrangements is on the rise. A recent article in the *Orange County Register* noted that 4 to 10 percent of Orange County's 350,000 seniors are victims of some sort of abuse. These numbers ring true throughout the county, where abuse reports have risen to 2,173 in 1995 from a low of 903 in 1987. Most of these cases of abuse are either physical or financial. Unfortunately, many more cases often go unreported due to shame and reluctance to report the abuse on the part of the victims.

Under current federal law there does not exist a national or a statewide standard procedure that is available to screen shared housing participants. As a consequence, I introduced H.R. 2964, "The Older Americans and Disabled Act of 1997" which would empower placement organizations with the authority to run FBI background checks on potential shared housing participants. These checks would give these organizations the ability to protect their clients from abuse by known criminals.

Similar laws already exist to allow for background checks of nursing home employees, child care providers, school bus drivers, and security guards. It is now only logical to extend this provision to protect seniors in their own homes. I have attached a copy of the bill for your information. I respectfully request your support and endorsement. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,


Loretta Sanchez
Member of Congress

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2964

To provide for reviews of criminal records of applicants for participation in shared housing arrangements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 8, 1997

Ms. SANCHEZ (for herself, Mr. TORRES, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. SNYDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To provide for reviews of criminal records of applicants for participation in shared housing arrangements, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Older and Disabled
5 Americans Protection Act of 1997".

6 **SEC. 2. BACKGROUND CHECKS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—A shared housing referral service,
8 as determined for the purpose of this section by the Attor-
9 ney General, may request the Attorney General to conduct

1 a search and exchange of records under subsection (b) re-
2 garding any applicant for participation in a shared hous-
3 ing arrangement as a service provider resident by—

4 (1) submitting, to the Attorney General—

5 (A) fingerprints (or another form of posi-
6 tive identification approved by the Attorney
7 General) regarding such applicant; and

8 (B) a written statement authorizing the
9 shared housing referral service to request the
10 search and exchange of records regarding the
11 applicant, which is signed by the applicant; and

12 (2) making the submission of the information
13 under paragraph (1) not more than 1 day (not in-
14 cluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holi-
15 days under section 6103 of title 5, United States
16 Code) after completing acquiring the information.

17 (b) SEARCH AND EXCHANGE OF RECORDS.—Pursu-
18 ant to any submission that complies with subsection (a),
19 the Attorney General shall search the records of the Crimi-
20 nal Justice Information Services Division of the Federal
21 Bureau of Investigation for any criminal history records
22 corresponding to the fingerprints or other positive identi-
23 fication submitted. The Attorney General shall provide
24 any corresponding information identified by the search to

1 the appropriate State or local governmental agency au-
2 thorized to receive such information.

3 (c) USE OF INFORMATION.—Information regarding
4 any applicant for participation in a shared housing ar-
5 rangement obtained pursuant to subsection (b) may be
6 used only by the shared housing referral service requesting
7 the information and only for determining the suitability
8 of the applicant for participation in a shared housing ar-
9 rangement as a service provider resident.

10 (d) FEES.—The Attorney General may charge a rea-
11 sonable fee, which may not exceed \$50, to any shared
12 housing referral service requesting a search and exchange
13 of records pursuant to subsection (b) to cover the costs
14 of conducting the search and providing the records.

15 (e) REPORT.—The Attorney General shall submit a
16 report to the House of Representatives and the Senate not
17 later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act
18 regarding the number of requests for searches and ex-
19 changes of records made under this section by shared
20 housing referral services and the disposition of such re-
21 quests.

22 **SEC. 3. CRIMINAL PENALTY.**

23 Whoever knowingly uses any information obtained
24 pursuant to section 2(b) in violation of section 2(c) shall

1 be fined under title 18, United States Code, or imprisoned
2 for not more than 2 years, or both.

3 **SEC. 4. ORGANIZATIONAL LIABILITY.**

4 A shared housing referral agency that, in making a
5 determination regarding any referral for participation in
6 a shared housing arrangement, reasonably relies upon in-
7 formation provided to the agency by the Attorney General
8 pursuant to section 2 shall not be liable, in any action
9 for damages based on the referral determination, for any
10 damages resulting from incompleteness or inaccuracy or
11 the information.

12 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

13 For purposes of this Act, the following definitions
14 shall apply:

15 (1) **SHARED HOUSING ARRANGEMENT.**—The
16 term “shared housing arrangement” means a pri-
17 mary residential arrangement that consists of at
18 least 2 persons—

19 (A) who reside in the same dwelling unit
20 and share the use of all or part of the facilities
21 of the dwelling unit;

22 (B) who have no familial relationship;

23 (C) one of whom is an elderly person or a
24 person with disabilities, who owns or is the les-
25 see of the dwelling unit; and

(D) another of whom who provides care or other services for the benefit of the person described in subparagraph (C) in exchange for free occupancy in the dwelling unit, a reduction in the cost otherwise charged for occupancy of the dwelling unit, or other remuneration.

(2) SHARED HOUSING REFERRAL SERVICE.—

The term “shared housing referral service” means any nonprofit or for-profit organization, person, or other entity that, for consideration, performs services which involve the referral of individuals or families for participation in shared housing arrangements as service provider residents.

(3) SERVICE PROVIDER RESIDENT.—The term “service provider resident” means, with respect to a shared housing arrangement, the individual participating in the arrangement who is described in paragraph (1)(D).

(4) ELDERLY PERSON; PERSON WITH DISABILITIES.—The terms “elderly person” and “person with disabilities” have the meanings given such terms in section 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

1 **SEC. 6. REGULATIONS.**

2 The Attorney General may prescribe any regulations
3 necessary to carry out this Act, including regulations re-
4 garding the security, confidentiality, accuracy, use, and
5 dissemination of information and audits and record-
6 keeping and the imposition of fees necessary for the recov-
7 ery of costs.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 5, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED
JENNIFER KLEIN

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter that was sent to the President from Sen. Tim Johnson (D-SD).

I do not believe this letter requires a Presidential response at this time. Please review the attached material and respond directly to the Member(s) of Congress. Please forward a copy of the response to Chris Walker, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Chris at 456-7500.

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December 12, 1997

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Mr. President:

I am writing to ask for your support and your help in making an historic investment in the education of our Nation's elementary school children by including funding for S. 1396, the Meals for Achievement Act in your budget proposal for fiscal year 1999. My legislation, if enacted, is intended to expand the school breakfast program in elementary schools.

In your State of the Union earlier this year, you spoke convincingly of education as your number one priority for the next four years. As you know, Congress has echoed this sentiment with a variety of efforts intended to improve the readiness of children to take their place in America's workforce in order to secure our place in a strong economy. For the United States to compete effectively in the world, we must have an educated and productive workforce. In order to have an educated and productive workforce, we must prepare our children to learn. In order to prepare our children to learn, they must be well nourished, and that begins with a good breakfast.

The best teachers in the world, with the best standards, cannot teach a hungry child. A child who begins his or her school day with their stomach growling because they either did not have time to eat breakfast or there was no breakfast to be served, is simply too distracted to focus on the lessons being provided by the teacher.

Recently, several pilot programs have demonstrated the effectiveness of an expanded school breakfast program. In 1994, the Minnesota legislature directed the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning to implement a universal breakfast pilot program integrating breakfast into the education schedule for all students at six schools. The evaluation of the pilot project, performed by the Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement at the University of Minnesota, shows that when all students are involved in school breakfast, a significant increase in learning and achievement results. This study included a broad cross section of Minnesota students and indicates that expanding school breakfast is useful even in areas that are not severely disadvantaged.

Researchers at Harvard and Massachusetts General Hospital recently completed a study on the results of universal free breakfast at one public school in Philadelphia and two in Baltimore. The study found that students who ate school breakfast showed great improvement in math grades, attendance, and punctuality. The researchers also observed that students displayed fewer signs of depression, anxiety, hyperactivity, and other behavioral problems. The areas included in this study were very low income. Thus expansion of school breakfast shows great promise across a range of socioeconomic backgrounds.

The President
December 12, 1997
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If we are serious about improving our education system in America, as I know you are, we must first prepare our children to learn. The time has come, therefore, to build upon the pilot programs in Minnesota, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and other cities, and integrate school breakfast into the education day, at least at the elementary school level.

The Meals for Achievement Act would not mandate the school breakfast program. A local school could still decide whether to participate, and each parent can decide for themselves whether to have their child participate.

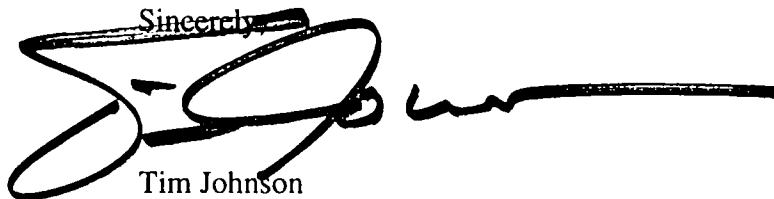
I do appreciate that there is a cost involved with this initiative and, therefore, we may have to phase it in over a few years. However, the time has come to set the course for our future direction in the School Breakfast Program and take our first step forward.

I also appreciate your strong leadership in balancing our Nation's budget and that the sound fiscal path you have set our Nation's government on requires vigilance to protect against foolhardy expenditures. In that context, the Meals for Achievement Act raises an important policy question. What is the basic purpose and goal of the School Breakfast Program? Is the School Breakfast Program a welfare program? Or, is the School Breakfast Program a nutrition and education program intended to prepare children for a successful educational experience? If the School Breakfast Program is a welfare program then my legislation would not make sense. I do not believe that we should be providing welfare to individuals who do not need assistance. If, on the other hand, the School Breakfast Program is a part of the education day, and is intended to prepare children to learn, then, in my opinion, it should include all children. School books are provided to all children without regard to their income; school buses are used by children without regard to their income; and that is how I believe we should view the School Breakfast Program.

Again, I ask your assistance in making an expanded School Breakfast program a vital tool in preparing today's youngsters for tomorrow's economy. I urge you to include the Meals for Achievement Act in your budget proposal. I stand ready to work with you, the members of your Administration, and my colleagues in the Senate in enacting this important educational initiative.

Thank you for your consideration of the Meals for Achievement Act. I look forward to hearing from you and working with you further on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large loop followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Tim Johnson
United States Senate

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR BRUCE REED
JENNIFER KLEIN

FROM: SUSAN BROPHY *SB*
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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