



The Governor of Puerto Rico

August 24, 2000

Ms. Ann O'Leary
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. O'Leary:

Back in 1994, when my administration's Health-Care Reform program made its debut in the Fajardo region of Puerto Rico, that initiative was predicated upon two fundamental principles: first, that quality health care is the right of everybody -- not a privilege of some; second, that our Department of Health would abandon its traditional role as an inefficient service-provider and re-emerge instead as an agent for disease-prevention and health-promotion.

Today, six years later, we are able to celebrate the fact that health-insurance coverage now extends to virtually 100% of our population; signifying access to more physicians, pharmacies and laboratories, as well as treatment that corresponds to the need -- rather than to the wealth -- of the patient.

Yet our vision of the future demands ongoing evaluation of the progressive, cutting-edge transformation that our society has achieved in the delivery of health-care services. And so it is that we hope you will honor us with your presence at the fourth **Puerto Rico Health Summit** that will be conducted in Fajardo on **September 7, 2000 at El Conquistador Resort**, on precisely the seventh anniversary of the signing of our Health-Care Reform Act.

I look forward to greeting you personally at this event, which will afford us an ideal opportunity: both to review the extraordinary benefits that health-care reform has bestowed upon our citizens; and also to set an agenda for ensuring that Puerto Rico's health services continue to set a standard that peoples around the world will strive to emulate.

Last but not least, let me leave no doubt that this is an invitation to be our guest: standing by to lend assistance with travel and accommodation details is my Special Projects Coordinator, Ms. Marjorie Ferraioli, who can be reached at (787) 729-0904 or through our switchboard at (787) 721-7000.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Pedro Rosselló".

Pedro Rosselló



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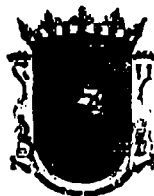
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Comments: Invitation to the Puerto Rico Health Summit on September 7, 2000 at El Conquistador Resort. Please confirm your assistance.

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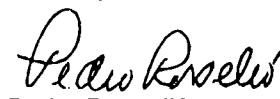
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