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Ms. Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Ms. Rasco:

This afternoon Cornelius Hogan, Vermont's Secretary of Human Services, Jane Kitchel, our Commissioner of Social Welfare, and I are meeting with Kathi Way of your staff to discuss Vermont's welfare reform proposal. We are very pleased to be able to brief Ms. Way on the main features of Vermont's proposal to transform Aid to Needy Families with Children into a transitional assistance program that enables parents to support their families financially and ensures that they do so after a set period of time.

We believe that Vermont's welfare reform goals, as well as the methods we plan to use to reach them, have much in common with President Clinton's vision of a truly progressive welfare system that promotes work, responsibility, and the well-being of children. Vermont's proposal is comprehensive, bold, and sensitive to the needs of parents and children. We also believe that a small state like Vermont is an ideal environment in which to test the merits of our alternative to the current system.

Knowing of your involvement in welfare reform in Arkansas and the passage of the federal Family Support Act of 1988, I am pleased that you will play a leadership role in deciding how the welfare system will be restructured during the Clinton Administration. Please contact Jane Kitchel at (802) 241-2853 if you would like to know more about Vermont's reform proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard Dean".

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