

April 14, 1994

The Honorable Dan Rostenkowski
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1305

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The undersigned urge you to include in any health care reform legislation which the Committee on Ways and Means passes a provision which assures health care coverage for all Americans.

We believe that universal coverage is critical to the efficient and optimal performance of the health care system and the broader economy.

We also believe that among the methods of achieving universal coverage, an employment-based system, in which there is both employer and employee financial participation, offers the most practical and realistic approach. An employment-based system is preferred by most Americans and advances a public-private approach to the human and economic needs for universal health care coverage.

Universal coverage is critical to successful health care reform:

- ~ As a matter of equity, humanity and economy, every American should be covered for appropriate health care. The costs in terms of lost productivity and wasted human resources are untenable.
- ~ The current problems in our health delivery and financing systems cannot be effectively remedied when one in six Americans lack health care coverage at any one time.
- ~ There can be no effective means to control the growth of health care costs -- either through market or regulatory mechanisms -- when significant portions of the population remain outside the health care system. Needed insurance reforms will work only when everyone has health care coverage.

A prudently designed employment-based system offers the most effective means of achieving universal health care coverage by:

- ~ addressing an important element of the current cost shifting crisis in which the costs of caring for the uninsured are borne by the insured;
- ~ extending coverage to the majority of the uninsured -- 84

percent of the 39 million uninsured live in families headed by workers;

- ~ providing the simplicity of using the current mechanism by which Americans receive coverage -- a mechanism preferred by most Americans.

We believe that an employment based system of universal coverage, with employer and employee financial participation, is an essential component of health care reform. We urge you to support inclusion of such a provision in health care reform legislation.

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American College of Physicians
American Hospital Association
AMR Corporation
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Sun Company, Inc.
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THESE COMPANIES BELIEVE THAT HEALTH BENEFITS
SHOULD BE GUARANTEED AT WORK

- * This is a compilation of the businesses from the National Leadership Coalition for Health Care Reform, The Corporate Health Care Coalition, cosigners of a recent letter to Chairman Rostenkowski, and Clinton Plan Business Supporters

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General Electric Company
General Motors Corporation
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Guess, Inc.
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Southern California Edison Company
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Sun Company, Inc.
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