

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1995

Ms. Jane Doe
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Dear Ms. Doe:

Thank you for writing to support the President's position on the issue of a woman's right to choose. I know this issue is very important to you and it is important to President Clinton and me as well.

A decision regarding abortion is among the most private and painful decisions any woman may face in her lifetime. President Clinton and I believe that each woman should be allowed to make this intensely personal decision without government interference. We also believe strongly that personal privacy is a fundamental right guaranteed by our nation's constitution.

While the President and I are pro-choice, we are not pro-abortion. We believe that abortion should be legal, safe and rare. If our country is to resolve this issue, we must educate men and women so that the number of unwanted pregnancies can be reduced significantly. We must also provide every woman with information regarding physical and mental health issues to enable her to make informed choices for herself and her family.

Thank you again for your views and for your support.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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Dear Ms. Doe:

Thank you for sharing with me your views regarding abortion. I know this subject is of grave concern to you, and it is very important to President Clinton and me as well.

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I realize that you may not agree with President Clinton and me on these issues, but I hope you will give careful consideration to our views. Please be assured that we have listened to yours.

Sincerely yours,


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Dear Ms. Doe:

Thank you for writing to express the outrage we all feel about the problems of child abuse and neglect in our country.

For many of our nation's children, each day is a struggle for survival. In the United States today, a child is abused or neglected every thirteen seconds, a child dies from poverty every fifty-three minutes, and a child is murdered every three hours. Homicide and suicide are the primary causes of death of our young people. When you consider these statistics, and the faces behind them, it is clear that the challenges facing America's children are tremendous.

Please be assured that protecting our children from violence, abuse and neglect is one of the Clinton administration's highest priorities. However, President Clinton cannot solve these problems alone. No matter how much work is done by the administration, what children will continue to need most are adults who love them, who teach them, who discipline them, and who stand up and fight for their interests.

Each of us can make a difference in the life of some child or young person every day if we are willing to take the time to reach out to him or her with caring and compassion. We must all work together to make sure that every child has a chance.

Thank you again for taking the time to make your voice count for children.

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Dear Ms. Doe:

Thank you for sending me your thoughts regarding education in America.

The President believes that we must remain firm in our commitment to providing the best possible education for all who hope to learn and better themselves in life. The President's education reform package holds our students to high standards and is founded on the belief that everyone can learn if we ask enough of them and they put forth the effort. Our governments, our communities, and every parent must set world-class standards for every child in America.

Education is essential to our nation's long-term economic development. We can be a high-growth, high-wage nation only if we are a high-skills nation. Our work now is a valuable investment for the future of our country.

The President appreciates your views and looks forward to your help in achieving the goal of fostering excellence in education.

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Dear Ms. Doe:

Thank you for writing to me about some of the most important issues facing women and families in our country today.

As I have traveled across the country listening to women, I have been struck by the overwhelming obstacles so many women must hurdle to balance their work and family obligations. I have spoken with women who are fighting employment discrimination; struggling to raise their children and make ends meet; existing on shrinking welfare payments with no jobs in sight; or coping with inadequate or non-existent child support payments.

President Clinton is committed to improving the quality of life for American women and their families. One of his first acts on taking office was signing the Family and Medical Leave Act. This act requires employers with at least fifty workers to give their employees unpaid leave to care for a new child or an ill family member. He also wants to strengthen our system of child support enforcement, and reform our nation's welfare system to help people move from welfare to work through health care, child care and job training.

President Clinton cannot solve the problems affecting women and families alone, however. Change will occur only if men and women insist that businesses and other institutions accommodate the needs and priorities of American families. We must raise our voices against sexual harassment, and fight violence against women and children. We must not tolerate employment discrimination. We must encourage every profession to adopt employer based child care, flex time, job sharing, and alternative work strategies.

We are all in this together, men and women, husbands and wives, parents and children. We must all work to strengthen and support our families, and provide opportunities for our children.

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Dear Ms. Doe:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. Your words of encouragement and support mean a great deal to me.

It is a pleasure to hear from individuals who share a vision of a better life for all Americans. A common belief in family, community, and country guides each of us as we work to realize the promise of America. Your ideas and thoughts offer added inspiration as the President works to ensure that every American's future is filled with courage, hope, and confidence.

I appreciate the interest and concern that your letter conveys. Thank you for taking the time to write.

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Dear Ms. Doe:

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with me. I appreciate your candor.

Your comments, and those of others, are an important source of information for President Clinton and me. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely yours,


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Dear Ms. Doe:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful and compelling letter. I am honored and touched that you chose to share your personal experiences with me. The strength and courage you have shown in coping with a difficult and painful situation are an inspiration for all of us.

Thank you again for taking the time to express yourself to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely yours,


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Dear Ms. Doe:

Thank you for writing to me. I appreciate that you took the time to share with me your ideas on a subject that is important to you and to many others.

The President and I welcome the thoughts and opinions of concerned individuals. Your support and the support of all Americans can be invaluable to the President and his Administration as they work toward meaningful and lasting change.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'H'.

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Dear Ms. Doe:

Thank you for writing to me about domestic violence, an issue that concerns many Americans. I have been moved by the many letters I have received about the crisis of violence within the home.

Eliminating the violence, abuse and neglect which affects many of our nation's families is one of President Clinton's highest priorities. Violence often begins in the home and is more than just an occasional family dispute. For children, family violence may be associated with school failure, delinquency and running away; for the elderly it often leads to injury and depression. For women, the number of violence-related visits to physicians and emergency rooms is very high.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services, domestic violence is the single largest cause of injury to American women, affecting six million individuals of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds. The Violence Against Women Act, included in the crime bill that President Clinton recently signed into law, will help stop and more severely penalize those criminals who intentionally prey upon women. New federal penalties and prevention efforts will strengthen our country's response to crimes of domestic violence.

The President's strategy includes increases in funding for law enforcement training to identify and respond more effectively to domestic violence crimes; expansion and strengthening of victim services; and programs such as battered women's shelters; targeting rape and violence prevention and education on college campuses. The President believes that these measures can help improve our national effort to prevent and reduce domestic violence and help change despair to hope for women across America.

President Clinton alone cannot solve the crisis of family violence in our country. We all must raise our

voices against violence in the home. Together, through prevention and education we can work to eliminate domestic violence. Thank you again for writing to me about this sensitive issue that affects us all.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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Dear Jane:

Thank you for sharing your views with Hillary about our policy concerning Cuba and the exodus of Cuban rafters to the United States. She has referred your letter to me.

The solution to Cuba's problems is not just to curb the flow of Cubans to our shores -- but also to change Cuba from a state of oppression and dictatorship to a nation of freedom and democracy. To accomplish this, we are enforcing a comprehensive economic embargo that presses the Cuban regime to end human rights abuses and adopt democratic reforms. We are also assisting the Cuban people by allowing private, licensed humanitarian assistance and increasing the flow of information to them. In addition, I have approved sanctions consistent with the Cuban Democracy Act in response to the wave of illegal immigrants coming to our shores.

Through measures such as these, the United States will continue to pursue its consistent policy of promoting democratic reform in Cuba while stemming the flow of Cuban refugees to our country.

I appreciate your interest.

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Dear Jane:

Thank you for writing to Hillary about Russia. She has referred your letter to me.

From the beginning of my Administration, I have given my full backing to the historic process of political and economic reform now under way in the new independent states of the former Soviet Union. I remain convinced that democratic reforms and the transition to a market economy hold the best hope for a better future for the people of Russia and for all reformers throughout the former Soviet Union. During my bilateral meeting with President Yeltsin in Naples in July, we discussed ways in which U.S. assistance efforts can move from focusing on aid to Russia to focusing on increasing trade between our two countries. In an effort to promote increased trade and investment, the United States recently established the Russian Small Enterprise Fund in order to promote private sector development there.

Also important in our relationship with Russia is a renewed focus on international security. As of May 30, the nuclear missiles of Russia and the United States are no longer targeted against any country. In addition, we are working hard to minimize the risk of nuclear proliferation. Under the Trilateral Accord, which I signed in January with President Yeltsin and former Ukrainian President Kravchuk, Ukraine is ahead of schedule in moving toward its goal of transferring 1,500 nuclear warheads to Russia for dismantlement. During the recent third meeting of the U.S.-Russian Joint Commission on Economic and Technological Cooperation, we reached a path-breaking agreement to shut down Russian plutonium production reactors at Tomsk and Krasnoyarsk.

I was gratified by the agreement President Yeltsin and President Meri of Estonia reached that led to the withdrawal of Russian forces from Estonia. I believe the United States played an important and constructive role in helping to resolve some of the difficult issues associated with these negotiations by offering to provide 2,500 housing vouchers for departing Russian officers and pledging financial assistance for the international cleanup effort at the Paldiski nuclear training site in Estonia.

With this progress and the advances we have made on human rights

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issues in Russia and around the world, I believe that our two countries have embarked on a course that will create a safer and more democratic world. As I continue working toward this objective, I appreciate your comments on this important issue.

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Dear Jane:

Thank you for writing to Hillary about United States foreign policy. She has referred your letter to me. Now more than ever, we have an opportunity -- and a responsibility -- to remake American diplomacy and reinforce American security in a new world unburdened by superpower confrontation.

As I emphasized in my State of the Union address, the best strategy to ensure our security and build a lasting peace is to support the advance of democracy elsewhere. Our commitment to democracy and human rights not only reflects our values, heritage, and cultural ties; it is also consistent with and reinforces our national interest.

From the beginning of my Administration, the ideals of democracy, human rights, and free market reform have stood as pillars of U.S. foreign policy, and I remain committed to promoting these goals. I hope I can count on your support as I seek to preserve the security of our nation while helping other countries to enjoy the freedoms we hold dear.

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Dear Jane:

Thank you for writing to Hillary. She has referred your letter to me.

My Administration is squarely addressing the problems of illegal immigration. Our comprehensive strategy includes protecting our nation's borders, removing criminal aliens, reducing work incentives for illegal immigrants, stopping asylum abuse, encouraging legal immigrants to become naturalized citizens, and revitalizing the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

I am deeply concerned about the costs of illegal immigration. To help our states deal with this burden, my Administration is dedicating significant resources and employing aggressive new tactics to minimize the number of illegal aliens who cross our borders. The new border strategies of Operation Gatekeeper along the California border and Operation Hold-the-Line along the El Paso border have already proven to be effective. Hundreds of new border patrol agents are now assigned to the borders, and that number will increase to nearly 1,000 additional agents over the next year. Advanced technology and new resources and strategies will support their crucial work. We have also toughened anti-smuggling initiatives, bolstered work-site enforcement efforts, and increased the prompt deportation of criminal aliens.

In addition, my Administration has taken the lead in providing fiscal relief to states affected by large populations of incarcerated criminal illegal aliens, and our proposed fiscal 1995 budget asked for \$350 million to aid in that effort. Congress has made \$130 million available to states in 1995 and an additional \$1.67 billion over the next four years for state fiscal relief. The federal government also contributes to the costs for education and medical services in communities that include large numbers of illegal aliens.

I believe that my Administration is making solid progress toward our goal of deterring illegal immigration while welcoming legal immigrants. I appreciate hearing your views on this important issue.

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Dear Jane:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with Hillary on our relationship with China. She has referred your letter to me.

As the world's fastest growing economy, China offers trade opportunities that help create and maintain American jobs. Commerce Secretary Brown recently led a Presidential Business Development Mission to China to underscore this point. During his trip, he witnessed the signing of \$6 billion in contracts and memoranda of understanding by American firms in energy, transportation, and telecommunications -- all sectors in which U.S. firms excel both at home and abroad. This mission also enabled us to obtain government-to-government commercial agreements, which set an ambitious agenda for U.S.-China trade expansion in priority sectors. In short, now more than ever, American firms have an excellent opportunity to expand their business prospects in China. And the Commerce Department estimates that each \$1 billion in U.S. exports supports approximately 19,000 U.S. jobs.

At the same time, we are seeking to improve China's performance in areas where it has fallen short -- including human rights. I am hopeful that our current relationship will lead not only to more trade, but also to more international cooperation and a more productive dialogue on human rights issues, all of which will help China continue to evolve as a responsible power. In fact, another positive development during Secretary Brown's trip was China's agreement to resume our bilateral dialogue on human rights.

I appreciate hearing your views. Following our present course, we can look forward to more jobs for American workers and a better standard of living in both countries.

Sincerely,