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CARLOS A. ROMERO-BARCELÓ
PUERTO RICO

September 28, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

You must feel very proud and pleased that, after eight months of strenuous work and dedication, a National Health Care Reform proposal, that will bring spiralling health care costs under control and provide all American families with the peace of mind and security they deserve, has been developed.

For the first time in the history of this Nation, all Americans will have access to quality, affordable health care - not as a privilege, but as a right.

As you know, throughout this whole process, I worked to make sure that the American citizens living in Puerto Rico and the other territories would be treated equally with their fellow citizens in the 50 states.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the fact that, from the very beginning of this process, you showed great compassion and concern for Puerto Rico's urgent health care needs, and also recognized that it was a matter of justice that the needs of our low-income citizens in the Island be met. Now, thanks to your support and understanding, this

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goal has finally been achieved.

Let me assure you that you and the President can count on my full support as Congress begins to act on your outstanding initiative in the months ahead. The people of Puerto Rico will be forever grateful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carlos", written in dark ink.

Carlos Romero-Barceló

THE WHITE HOUSE

September 1, 1993

Honorable Carlos A. Romero-Barcelo
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Romero-Barcelo:

Thank you for your letter expressing your concern about inclusion of Puerto Rico and other territories in universal health care coverage.

I understand that you have been meeting with Ira Magaziner and Judy Feder on this important issue, and that you have made progress toward this goal. I appreciate your efforts, and hope that the President's proposal, when it is transmitted to Congress, will have your support.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

April 7, 1993

Dear Commissioner Romero Barcelo:

It was wonderful to meet with you and the other members of the Hispanic Caucus to discuss the vitally important topic of health care reform.

The health problems and needs of the people of Puerto Rico are issues I am greatly concerned about. Your suggestion to use the new income tax for Medicaid reform is being addressed by the task force and will be discussed as part of any new design proposal.

I look forward to working with you. With your collaboration, I feel confident that our common endeavor will be successful.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. Carlos Romero Barcelo
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515