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November 5, 1993

Honorable Karan English
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman English:

Thank you for your letter and I apologize for the delay in responding.

I would like to answer your questions as you presented them as follows:

1. We believe that market-based reforms have great potential to contain health care costs. A back-up premium cap and cost-containment mechanism guarantees success in this critical area.

2. The Health Security Act will eliminate balance billing.

3. Our goal is to reduce insurance company and government interference into the practice of medicine to allow doctors and nurses to spend more time with their patients and less time on administrative tasks. By providing better information to providers and consumers on the most appropriate and effective care, they will be better able to make choices on the right course of treatment.

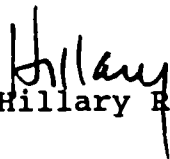
4. Yes, those employers with over 5,000 employees may form their own corporate alliances but only if they offer the same package of benefits or better, meet the quality and financial stability requirements of the regional health alliances, and offer their employees a choice of plans.

5. The Health Security Act incorporates significant malpractice reforms through the use of an alternative-dispute resolution approach, limits on lawyers' fees, and in other areas. However, consumers will always have a right of action through the courts and will be protected because we have not chosen to cap non-economic rewards.

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I appreciate your concerns and those of your constituent and hope we can count on your support of the Health Security Act.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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The Honorable Hillary Clinton
First Lady
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

It was a pleasure to see you again last Thursday when you met with me and my colleagues on the House Education and Labor Committee about health care reform. Thank you so much for taking the time out of your schedule to speak to our group. It was very informative.

As you know from our discussion last week, the people who live in the district I represent have some very unique concerns about health care and they are very supportive of your efforts. I was pleased to hear your comments on the rural health care crisis and the future of the Indian Health Service in our meeting. These two issues are very important to me and my Arizona constituents.

We are all anxious to see the package of reforms developed by the Health Care Task Force. The public is demanding action and I am ready to get to work on this issue. Several of the health care reform advocates in Arizona, however, have unanswered questions about the health care reform plan which are of concern to them. I hope that we can address these concerns now so that we can count on their support as we work to assure passage of this plan in Congress.

I met recently with Mr. Jim Driscoll, the Director of the Arizona branch of the Citizen Action organization. I know that you have met with representatives of this organization as well and I am sure that you are familiar with the "health care principals" that many of the single-payer advocates have endorsed.

I am sure that these principles will be met under the reform package that the President will soon unveil, however I agreed to ask you for your comments on a few issues on behalf of Mr. Driscoll's organization:

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1. How will the health care reform package address the issue of voluntary and mandatory price restraints?
2. How will the problem of "balance billing" be dealt with?
3. What role will the insurance companies play in deciding what treatments are medically necessary for a patient? How much input will the patient and care giver have in this decision?
4. Will large employers be allowed to opt out of the national health care reform plan?
5. What changes will be made in the area of malpractice reform? How will consumers' legal rights continue to be protected?

I hope that you will be able to provide some insight into these issues for Mr. Driscoll and me. I appreciate your assistance and I look forward to working with you on the health care reform package. Again, thank you for taking the time to meet with us last week and thank you for your personal dedication to this important issue.

Sincerely


Karan English

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to Shirley

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May 25, 1993

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Alexis Herman
Public Liaison Director
Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, District of Columbia 20500

Dear Ms. Herman:

On behalf of Albert F. Oliver, M.D., I would like to extend an invitation to First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and/or Mrs. Tipper Gore to Phoenix, Arizona for the Seventh Biennial Regional Pacific Coast Boule Convention on October 15, 16 and 17, 1993. The theme of the convention is Empowerment of Individuals Through Education and Vocations/Empowerment Through Diversity.

This event would significantly benefit from the presence of Mrs. Clinton and/or Mrs. Gore. Their support and attendance would be a great honor to the coordinators and participants of the Seventh Biennial Regional Pacific Coast Boule Convention.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Hillary Rodham-Clinton
Room 185.5 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20501

TO Pam
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am writing today to request that you meet with myself and President Peterson Zah of the Navajo Nation at your convenience to discuss recent cuts in the Indian Health Service's staffing and budget.

President Zah and I are very concerned with the continued failure of the federal government to meet its treaty obligation to provide adequate health services to Native Americans. As you know, the Navajo Nation is one of the poorest and most at risk populations in the United States. As we turn our attention to reforming our nation's health care system, we must not forget about our obligations to the Navajo people.

I recognize the extreme constraints on your time, but I hope you can make the time to meet with President Zah and hear first-hand the concerns of the Navajo Nation. Unfortunately, at a time when, due largely to your efforts, we are moving forward on laying the groundwork for an improved health care system, we seem to be moving in the opposite direction in the one area where the federal government bears complete responsibility to provide health care services.

Thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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March 3, 1993

Dear Congresswoman English:

It was wonderful to meet with you and the other members of the Caucus for Women's Issues to discuss the vitally important topic of health care reform.

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

All the best.

Sincerely yours,

Honorable Karan English
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