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October 29, 1993

Honorable Mike Kreidler
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kreidler:

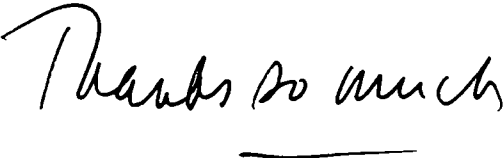
On behalf of the President, I want to express my deep gratitude for your co-sponsorship of the Health Security Act. Your action reflects an unswerving commitment to ensuring health security for all Americans.

We are grateful for your contribution to this historic effort and for your invaluable advice. We look forward to working with you in the weeks and months ahead to make health care reform a reality. Your leadership will be critical to passage in this Congress.

With appreciation and respect, I am

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton



THE WHITE HOUSE

April 9, 1993

Representative Mike Kreidler
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Kreidler:

Thank you for your note. I appreciate your support for the Administrations's efforts to reform the health care system, and your willingness to assist with this great task. Your experience with health care issues is surely invaluable in Congress, and your discussion of the myriad components of reform was very helpful. I have forwarded your letter to our working groups, and I hope you will continue to share your suggestions with us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hillary".

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September 1, 1993

Honorable Mike Kreidler
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

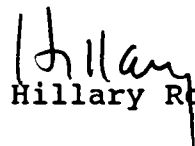
Dear Representative Kreidler:

Thank you for your letter and information package supporting inclusion of services of naturopathic physicians in the health care reform package.

When the President sends his proposal to Congress, you will see that it responds to the concerns we have heard from citizens in every part of the country -- by controlling spiraling health care costs, maintaining quality medical care, and preserving the choice so important to us all. It will also focus on primary care as an important component in disease prevention and cost containment.

Again, thank you for contacting me.

Sincerely,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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April 15, 1993

Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chair
President's Task Force on National Health Care Reform
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Clinton:

I am writing in support of the inclusion of the services of naturopathic physicians in any health benefit package that your task force might recommend as part of the Administration's health care reform plan. My state has authorized naturopathic medicine for many years, and it plays an important part in the health care of thousands of Washington residents.

As shown in the enclosed report from the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians, naturopathic medicine can be a cost-effective, highly beneficial form of primary care. By focusing on health maintenance, naturopathic medicine can help make capitated, accountable managed care plans work better for patients in a cost-conscious, competitive environment. I hope your task force will fully consider the information in this report as you develop your recommendations.

I appreciate your interest in alternative medicine as a vital part of our health care system, and I continue to wish you every success in the important work you are doing.

Sincerely,

Mike Kreidler
Member of Congress

Enclosure



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS

April 1, 1993

Dear Ms. Clinton, Task Force Members and Staff:

Cooperation, inclusion, teamwork, and a primary focus on results appear to be keynote themes of the Clinton administration. We believe that your request on March 18 that we submit this material regarding the role we might play in creating an optimal health care reform effort is evidence of this inclusiveness. We thank you for this opportunity.

Because we are a small, primarily Northwest-based profession, little known on the Eastern seaboard, we have included in this report perspectives on our profession from an array of selected political figures, medical leaders and public health professionals. Their views will deepen your sense of what naturopathic medicine is, and the roles our profession might play.

News reports suggest that the Task Force will support a dramatic shift in our Nation's medical education toward primary care. More specifically, the shift will alter the nature of primary care to include more preventive services.

The American Association of Naturopathic Physicians strongly applauds and supports both Task Force initiatives. We offer our distinct services, our regulatory and self-regulatory mechanisms, our strengths and our knowledge of our limitations, to the Task Force as it works to define more clearly how to reach these goals. We can particularly be of service with those who have an interest in alternative medicine.

We believe that cooperation, inclusion and teamwork must also be the keynotes of the health care system for the 21st century that the citizens of the United States and the policy leaders are creating.

We offer our profession as part of your primary care team.

In health,

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