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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

February 1, 1993

Office of the First Lady
The White House
Room 100 OEOB
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: Health Care Reform

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

As the Task Force on National Health Care Reform proceeds to examine health care reform options for our nation, I urge you to include provisions that improve access to health care in rural communities.

My state, Idaho, is the most under-doctored state in the nation. But in addition to its shortage of health care providers, there are problems of geography and infrastructure. In Idaho, access to health care is as much a question of miles as dollars.

Rural America's economic future will be seriously impaired if we fail to accomplish meaningful health care reform. Communities cannot expect to attract businesses without adequate infrastructure, and this means access to health care, as well as schools, roads and sewers.

Americans do their best to make responsible choices in their lives, and to contribute to the good of the nation. Access to health care expands opportunity, and enhances every individual's ability to make economically responsible choices about jobs and training.

I have enclosed my legislation, H.R. 237, for your consideration. This legislation incorporates recommendations made by Idaho health care professionals, and Idahoans who attended some of the two dozen town meetings I have held in the First District. For States like Idaho, the bill represents a

starting point in an effort to ensure that rural health care concerns are part of any comprehensive reform legislation. It offers practical approaches to the problem of improving access to health care in rural states.

I appreciate you taking time to consider my suggestions on behalf of Idaho, and I look forward to working with you to meet this critical challenge. As the process continues, I will be available to assist you in any way to see that the special needs of Idaho's rural health care delivery system are not overlooked.

With best wishes,



Sincerely,



Larry LaRocco
Member of Congress

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 19, 1993

Dear Representative LaRocco:

I want to thank you for providing information on your Rural Health Care Access Improvement Act.

I understand the special needs of rural states such as Idaho, and appreciate your sharing the solution that you have crafted with experts in your state. I will ask my staff to review your proposal carefully. I am sure it will be helpful to the health care task force as we study various approaches to achieving our shared goal of improving access to affordable health care.

I look forward to working with you on this issue of critical importance to American families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hillary", with a stylized, cursive script.

The Honorable Larry LaRocco
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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February 22, 1994

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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

As the only Democrat from the most under-doctored state in the nation, I have appreciated your consistent support for health care reform that recognizes the special concerns of rural and frontier areas. I followed your recent visit to South Dakota, and in that context, I would like to invite you to participate in a conference on telemedicine that I will be chairing next month.

The conference, entitled "The Role of Telecommunications in Health Care Reform", will be held in Boise, Idaho, on March 28, 1994. In addition to the program outlined in the attached preliminary agenda, the program will include an appearance by Dr. C. Everett Koop. In keeping with the "telecommunications" focus, Dr. Koop will participate through an inter-active video link from Las Vegas, Nevada. In this way, we hope to demonstrate the technology, and hear Dr. Koop's insights and recommendations for rural health care, and the "telemedicine" future.

With the assistance of the conference sponsors, including the PictureTel corporation, I would like to make the same invitation to you. I believe that we could accommodate your appearance within whatever demands your schedule would impose.

I thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to discussing this with you in detail at your earliest convenience.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Larry Larocco
Member of Congress

Thanks so much for your consideration of the request.

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THE ROLE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN HEALTH CARE REFORM

A Columbia Research Group Conference

CHAIRMAN AND MODERATOR
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE LARRY LaROCCO

Monday, March 28, 1994
Boise, Idaho

DRAFT AGENDA (as of 2/16/94)

- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
 U.S. Representative Larry LaRocco
- 8:45 a.m. **Overview Speaker**
 *(Technology innovations and potential applications in medicine and
 community development. How telemedicine is treated under the
 current health care reform proposals.)*

 Mike McDonald, Windom Health Enterprises,
 Berkeley, CA (suggested)
- 9:05 a.m. **Telemedicine Speakers**
 *(Overview of the six dimensions of telemedicine - Administrative,
 Clinical, Telemedicine, Personal Health Information, Population
 Data Base, Community Networking)*

 John Silva, Advanced Research Project Agency (suggested)
 Jane Preston, President - American Telemedicine Association
 (suggested)
- 9:45 a.m. **Questions and Discussion**
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Telemedicine Technology**
 (Examples of Technology)

 Suggested Speaker: AT&T (Mr. John Talarico -
 presentation of Picasso system)

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11:00 a.m.	Suggested Speaker:	GTE (Bob Turechek - showing video of Vista Net telemedicine network)
11:30 a.m.	Suggested Speakers:	Hewlett-Packard, PictureTel, US West
12:15 p.m.	Questions and Discussion	
12:30 p.m.	Lunch	
	Keynote Address: <i>(national figure addressing public policy implications of telemedicine technology and what the Congress should do to enhance and protect the public interest.)</i>	
1:45 p.m.	Telemedicine in Idaho <i>Case study demonstrating how a rural Idaho town would establish and utilize a telemedicine system.</i>	
2:30 p.m.	Questions and Discussion	
2:45 p.m.	Closing Remarks U.S. Representative Larry LaRocco	
3:00 p.m.	Adjournment	

(Note: the titles listed are for draft purposes)

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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I have received the enclosed letter from Trudy Anderson, Administrator of the Idaho Division of Vocational Education, with which she enclosed a copy of an April 13, 1993 letter, inviting your participation in Idaho's Youth Apprenticeship/School-To-Work Conference in Boise, Idaho, September 27-28, 1993.

If your busy schedule permits, the people of Idaho would welcome you, and your participation in this important conference would be extremely meaningful.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation.

Sincerely,

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Larry LaRocco
Member of Congress

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June 29, 1993

The Honorable Larry LaRocco
Representative in Congress
304 North 8th, Room 136
Boise, ID 83702

Dear Representative LaRocco:

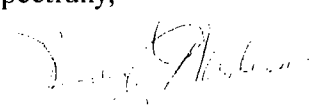
We respectfully request your assistance in requesting the presence of Hillary Rodman Clinton at Idaho's Youth Apprenticeship/School-To-Work Conference being held at the Red Lion Downtowner in Boise on September 27 and 28, 1993.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter to Ms. Hillary Rodman Clinton requesting her attendance at this conference. We would appreciate your support in this endeavor as her participation would be a major catalyst in implementing the Youth Apprenticeship/School-To-Work initiative in Idaho as part of Idaho's Schools 2000 and Beyond Action Plan.

This conference will be one of Idaho's major efforts to provide non college bound youths with other avenues to successful entry into Idaho's workforce. Please don't hesitate to call Dick Winn or me at (208) 334-3216 if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration regarding this request.

Respectfully,


Trudy Anderson
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Ms. Hillary Rodman Clinton
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Dear Ms. Rodman Clinton:

I am writing this letter to respectfully request your consideration to giving a presentation on Youth Apprenticeship/School To Work for Idaho's premier approach to establishing a viable alternative for at-risk and special population students.

Because of your great success in the State of Arkansas and your considerable expertise in this area, your presence and participation would be invaluable to the State of Idaho in their attempt to promote and establish this initiative.

This conference is scheduled for September 27 and September 28, 1993. We would work with you in whatever way possible to schedule your presentation to meet your busy schedule. Please respond to this request at your earliest possible convenience so that we can begin implementation to make Idaho one of the leaders in Youth Apprenticeship/School To Work.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, we are anxiously awaiting your decision. We hope that you will be able to work this into your schedule. Your presence at this conference will help insure successful implementation of this initiative in Idaho.

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J.R. "Dick" Winn, Director
Postsecondary Short-term Training

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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. LaRocco:

Thank you for your letter in support of the invitation extended by the the Idaho Division of Vocational Education. Unfortunately, my schedule does not permit me to participate in every event that I would like to attend. If I am able to participate in this worthwhile event, I will contact Ms. Trudy Anderson directly.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

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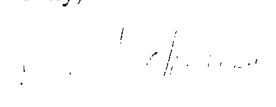
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