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Dear Hillary,

The Health Right - Children's event this morning was incredibly moving & motivating. Your remarks were right on target, as you always are - but this was a particularly emotional event & you handled it so beautifully, with such grace and, I believe, divine inspiration. The courage of all those children and their families - average Americans just trying to have a decent life - help all of us put our priorities in proper perspective.

Once again, I was struck by the incredible irony we now see so often in public life - that issues of such significance, of such human meaning, where we all are a moment away from a similar crisis, receive relatively little coverage from the media, while what I can only describe as "crap" gets blown out of all proportion. Those children and their families deserve much more. This morning's experience gives us a renewed commitment to that end.

Throughout the 2 1/2 years of the so-called "Keating-5" investigation & the attempts to crucify at least 3 great Democratic Senators (led by Mr. Bennett,

who may now have a chance at redemption by helping the President) Don and I relied on our faith, while taking great strength from the prayers of others to lift us and carry us over the rough spots.

In a sermon during this period, our minister talked about what is real in life & what is not. Just because something is said or done on TV or reported in the press, does not mean it or the message is real or that we should accept it as real. We must decide, with God's guidance, what is real & not real in our lives & then, put our energies in to that which is real. The children this morning - their needs & suffering, & that of their families are real.

Our nightmare stretched on for what seemed a very long time - once, however, I got to the point where I focused on what was real and meaningful - & let God help lead me there - raise above the unreal & the meaningless.

So we focused on health care & many other issues important to the people of Michigan. It was during this time that Don played a key role in bringing together the Finance & Labor & Human Resources Committee members, with the Mitchell-Kennedy-Beagle-Rockefeller employer mandate bill emerging as the first real "consensus" bill. Don's "Faces of the Health Care Crisis" began then too.

I don't believe there has ever been a time

in our history, when the personal "price" of public service has been so high. The attacks are unprecedented, & the human cost indeterminable. Our country & our people lose so much as a result. Peace & personal resolve come from knowing the real from the unreal, the truth from the fiction. In the end, the only ones who may truly know are God & one's self.

We don't know one another well on a personal basis, but we share a bond that forms only by living a public life. Our prayers & thoughts are with you, as are those of so many others. Please know we will be at your side to fight the health care battle — and there to listen or share a knowing embrace.

Warmly,  
Arie

I apologize for the length of this — please, no response — give the time to healthcare or a moment of sustaining prayer or meditation.

THE WHITE HOUSE

October 29, 1993

Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. *Don* Chairman:

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*  
Hillary Rodham Clinton

*Your support means so  
much to me personally —  
Thank you.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

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MRS CLINTON -

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HOWARD

## Health Care

Mr. RIEGLE. Mr. President, first of all, I thank the Senator from South Dakota, Tom Daschle, for his important leadership in bringing us together to once again focus on this issue.

I also want to thank the President of the United States and the First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, for the extraordinary leadership they are giving to this health care reform issue.

Over the last several months since this new Presidency has started, they have taken this issue and worked day and night on it. Last night, I thought we heard a magnificent presentation by the President. I know I was moved by the force of his personal commitment to this issue, supported by Hillary Rodham Clinton, who has worked so hard to lead the effort of the staff of experts across the country in this area.

I was struck because I felt last night that the President was expressing, as only a President can, all of the things he has seen and heard throughout this country, starting from his own experience in Arkansas as Governor there for many years, but also in traveling the country as a presidential candidate, seeing the families and individuals facing impossibly difficult medical and health situations, in many cases with no insurance, and in many cases with inadequate insurance, and many cases when people get sick and actually have the insurance taken away precisely at the time they need it.

This is a complex issue, but it can and must be solved. I thought that last night the program laid out by the President established the right goals. It establishes the right sense of urgency, and it gives us a chance now to finally step up to this problem and solve it.

Yesterday, at the leadership meeting at the White House, Vice President Gore said we ought to set as a timetable for ourselves having this done by the end of this Congress, which would be about October 1 of next year, 1994. I think that is the right timetable. It gives us a little more than a year to do it. I think that is enough time. I do not think we should take more time than that. I think we should set as a goal for ourselves the task of getting it done over that period of time. I want to make a pledge that, as chairman of the Finance Committee Subcommittee on Health for Families and the Uninsured, I will do whatever it takes. I will invest every ounce of energy that I can lay my hands on to work with my Republican colleagues and Democratic colleagues to get this done.

I want to commend Senator Dole for the statement I heard him make. I know he has some differences with some of the elements of this plan, but I heard in his remarks an understanding of this problem, partly borne out of his own personal experience of having to face some very tough medical challenges in his life and in his family. I heard him express a feeling about this problem that not only did I greatly respect, but caused me to believe

that there is a way, with leadership coming from the key leaders in this institution and in the Congress generally on both sides of the aisle, to actually break this deadlock, take this complex problem and work it through.

I want to commend Senator Chafee as well, my ranking minority member, for having taken the lead on his side of the aisle in terms of the mechanics of health care reform. We have worked on this now over many years. During the last administration, actually a large bipartisan group of us developed a set of principles as to how we would go about reforming the health care system. That is the only way we can get this done -- on a bipartisan basis, and the health care problem has nothing to do with partisan politics. When a person gets sick or needs insurance, or does not have insurance, or they get bills they cannot handle, whether they are Republican, Democrat or independent makes no difference. We should not approach it on that basis. We ought to approach it as Americans helping other Americans, and now is the time to do it.

I have come to the floor over the last several months, many, many, months, to talk about individual case histories of citizens and families in Michigan struggling with health problems they just cannot manage, unless there is an overall health care reform.

I will state one case today. I thought about her last night. A young

woman named Cheryl Eichler in my State, one of the most powerful personalities I have ever met since I have been in politics. She was a witness at one of 37 different hearings I have held on health care reform. She was suffering at the time from Crohn's Disease, was 31 years old and worked as a manager at a 7-Eleven. She had no health insurance at work and could not afford, on a salary of about \$12,000 a year, to buy private health care insurance. Time and again, she would get sick with Crohn's Disease and would not go to the doctor until it became very severe, because she literally did not have the money to pay the doctor bills.

She died several months after she appeared before our committee. I am convinced that Cheryl Eichler would be alive today if she had gotten the health care she needed when she needed it. That is the story of countless tens of thousands, probably hundreds of thousands of people, right now in our country. We have children all across America today who have not a penny of health insurance. We cannot allow that to go on, and we do not have to.

We are spending 14 percent of our entire economy on health care. It is the largest single business activity in our entire economic system. And the costs are out of control; they are crushing families, individuals and businesses, and it is time now for us to respond as a citizenry, through our elected form of government, to tackle this problem and to solve it.

So I want to say again to the President, to the First Lady, thank you for your leadership. It is a valiant leadership, and it is long overdue. Now is the time for both parties to come together and build this legislative package. We can do it. The country needs it, and we cannot wait any longer to get it done. It can be an affirming event for democracy itself. We talk about reinventing Government. I think we also need to reinvent our democracy in the sense of demonstrating that we can take and step up to a difficult problem of this kind and solve it. It is one that affects every family in this country. The American people are relying on us, and now it is time to take the baton passed to us last night by the President and run it the final leg, produce this legislation, and do something to help every citizen in America.

I thank the Chair.

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UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.  
MICHIGAN

March 30, 1998

Dear Hillary

Joni and I are saying some prayers for your father and for you.

My Dad was dealing with a similar problem just a year ago - and I feel the pain every day.

You should take some comfort in knowing how proud your father is of you - few children have brought their parents the accomplishments

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and joy you have.  
You should draw  
strength from that.

Let me also say the  
Michigan health care  
forum went very well -  
you were missed, of course,  
but Tipper, Carol Pasco  
and Donna Jaulala together  
did an exceptionally good  
job. Michigan is grateful.

I hope things go as  
well as they possibly can  
with your Dad.

Sincerely, Don

THE WHITE HOUSE

March 9, 1993

Dear Senator Riegle:

I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated your note, written just two days after the Inauguration, offering your help in our effort to reform the health care system. Now that the health care task force has been underway for more than a month, I am absolutely convinced that we must all work together if we are to achieve this goal this year.

Debbie Chang and David Krawitz have been of great assistance. You are kind to donate so much of their time to this effort.

As one of the Congressional leaders who is most committed to the health care issue, you have been most helpful. Thank you for your early support.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Hillary

The Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Look forward to seeing  
you next week -

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UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.  
MICHIGAN

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Jan 22, 1993

Dear Hillary

It's been an inspiring week - warmest congratulations.

Like so many others, I have a great emotional feeling about the work ahead of us - and how we actually start changing things for the better.

I write this note in my capacity as Chairman of the Finance Subcommittee on Health for Families and the Uninsured.

To date, we have conducted

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34 public hearings on health care reform - and have teamed to produce the Health America plan, with Mitchell, Kennedy and Rockefeller as co-sponsors.

Today, I indicated to Carol Rasco that my staff and I want to work with you on the health care reform effort - and will help move heaven and earth to get it done.

Debbie Chang heads our Subcommittee staff effort - and this is the main issue



UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.  
MICHIGAN

focus of my A.A., David  
Kraowitz.

We are ready, as a  
group, to work as teammates,  
to break the policy inertia  
and actually get health  
care reform enacted. We're  
prepared for an all-out push  
this year.

When you need our  
help - we are ready.

Warm regards -

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



UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.  
MICHIGAN

March 11, 1993

Dear Hillary

Thanks so much for  
your thoughtfulness in  
sending the inscribed  
photos of your visit to my  
office.

My family and I  
appreciate you very much -  
and the leadership you give.

We are determined to  
help you in every way we  
can. Looking forward to the  
Mich visit. Warmest wishes -

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— ▼ — Don

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1993

The Honorable Donald Riegle  
United States Senate  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Riegle,

I want to thank you for your participation in the meeting on health care reform arranged by the Majority Leader. Your collaboration in this endeavor gives me much confidence that we will succeed.

I noted, in particular, your wise comments about essential coverage for pregnant women and children. We will draw on your longstanding work and commitment in this area. I look forward to working with you. I hope you won't hesitate to give us the benefit of your advice.

Sincerely,

Hillary



UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Jan. 26, 1993

Dear Hillary -  
Enjoyed our  
phone conversation last  
evening.

I'm attaching a copy  
of my earlier letter to you  
(which should arrive in due  
course) - and also a copy  
of the 2 page memo on  
the economic strategy we need.

This job growth strategy  
is absolutely key. If we  
construct economic policy to

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meet the goal of 8 million jobs over 4 years - we will have the financial strength and public support to achieve our other goals.

But that job goal means 2 million jobs a year - or 165,000 per month - and tinkering on the economic policy margins won't come close to accomplishing this. We can't let those who lost the election dictate the envelope of debate on an economic growth strategy.

Deficit reduction can only come if we can accelerate economic growth - job growth in the private sector must be our guiding star.

Best Don

## BOTTOM LINE OF ECONOMIC PLAN - 8 MILLION NEW JOBS

The Clinton Economic plan must create 8 million new private sector jobs in the next 4 years -- 2 million jobs per year -- 165,000 per month. All elements of the economic plan must drive toward this central goal.

Achieving this job growth goal will provide the economic and political strength to achieve other key goals -- including health care reform. It gives clarifying and unifying focus to the new path we are taking.

Traditional economic analysis within the envelope of the old debate is a fatal trap. Too many conflicting goals neuters policy. Marginal policy adjustments lack the power to wrench the economy up to new "job surge" track -- not in the teeth of harsh global realities and years of drift.

It is time to articulate a new strategic reality.

The greatest strategic asset for a modern nation now - and in the future - is to have the most robust high-skill, high-wage, job base - and the vibrant, growing economic structure that supports it. It's the key to lifting family and national income levels.

Having and keeping the world's best jobs -- across a broad societal base -- is the key to future domestic security and global leadership. It also will stop the grinding down of the U.S. middle class -- and worsening social division.

The key is to front-load the economic plan with every conceivable policy effort that can spur private sector job growth. This includes:

- 1) Tie tax policy incentives directly to job creation;
- 2) Offer incentives for small business starts and growth -- lower tax threshold tied to jobs;
- 3) Aggressive trade policy to end huge bi-lateral deficits
- 4) Planned defense conversion -- perhaps to an industry of the future ie; high speed air and ground transportation;
- 5) Directly ask firms -- especially multi-nationals who fly the flag of no country -- to accelerate U.S. job creation. Ask what they need to do this -- provide it;
- 6) Examine bank and other financial lending practices to enhance justified flow of business credit and investment capital;
- 7) Press Federal Reserve for supportive growth policies;
- 8) Ask every Cabinet Department to show how they can spur private sector job growth -- with specific goals;
- 9) Offer government research and technology as direct inducement to private sector job growth;

- 10) Foster industry consortium efforts to accelerate technological breakthroughs and job growth and;
- 11) Review government regulation with eye to job creation.

If the Clinton Administration is personified by a massive redirection of national effort to a rapidly expanding high-skill, high-wage jobs track, beginning immediately, then we will succeed economically, socially and politically.

This is the one campaign promise that must be kept -- and that will provide the economic strength to fulfill the rest. If public expectations are not met in this area we will steadily lose public faith and support.

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### POLITICAL ANALYSIS

- Republicans will attempt to impose own economic goals - (ie; annual deficit reduction targets). We need a higher order, compelling national goal that redefines the debate. The country wants and needs job-growth -- it is the most powerful rationale for hard policy changes -- including shared sacrifice.
- Without job growth of this size -- occurring in '93 and '94 -- we face a large risk of congressional losses -- including possible loss of the Senate.
- Ross Perot will drive us crazy on economic issues -- unless we take and hold the high ground on job growth. If jobs are expanding, we can't be out-flanked.
- We promised economic change -- and more high-wage, high-skill jobs. It's the one promise we must keep to hold public support -- and merit a 2nd term.
- Gives greater leverage on international allies. When you put your fate in job growth, they will see you cannot concede jobs to them.

Don Riegle  
January 19, 1993

SENATE FLOOR STATEMENT  
OF  
SENATOR DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1993

I'VE ASKED FOR THIS TIME TODAY TO INDICATE TO MY CONSTITUENTS - MY COLLEAGUES - AND MY SUPPORTERS - THAT THIS WILL BE MY FINAL TERM HERE IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE - AND I WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION IN 1994.

LORI AND I HAVE REACHED THIS DECISION TOGETHER THIS WEEKEND AFTER MUCH DEEP SOUL-SEARCHING AND REFLECTION.

IT'S AN EMOTIONAL DECISION - BECAUSE BOTH OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ARE FULLY INTO THIS PUBLIC SERVICE WORK.

AS EVERY COLLEAGUE AND CONGRESSIONAL SPOUSE KNOWS - POLITICS AT THIS LEVEL IS A FAMILY BUSINESS OF THE MOST INTENSE KIND.

AMONG MANY CONSIDERATIONS, TWO WERE OVER-RIDING - MY PRESENT SENATE WORK RESPONSIBILITIES AND MY PRESENT FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES.

LET ME ADDRESS MY SENATE WORK DUTIES FIRST. WITH THE NEW CLINTON ADMINISTRATION NOW IN PLACE - WE FACE AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO PASS NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM LEGISLATION THAT WILL EFFECT EVERY PERSON IN AMERICA.

IT IS AN EPIC ISSUE - OF GREAT COMPLEXITY - THAT I AM DEEPLY COMMITTED TO AND HAVE WORKED ON FOR MANY YEARS.

A UNIQUE LEGISLATIVE WINDOW IS NOW OPEN - AND WE MUST ENACT THIS HEALTH CARE REFORM OVER THE NEXT YEAR - DURING THIS CONGRESS. OTHERWISE - THE CHANCE TO DO IT MAY ONCE AGAIN SLIP AWAY.

AS SENATE CHAIRMAN OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH FOR FAMILIES AND THE UNINSURED - I AM DIRECTLY ASSIGNED A KEY ROLE - WITH OTHERS - OF GETTING THIS HEALTH CARE REFORM PACKAGE WRITTEN PROPERLY AND ENACTED.

IT'S AN URGENT NATIONAL NEED - AND IT WILL REQUIRE MANY HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF PERSONAL WORK OVER THE NEXT YEAR. I WANT TO DO THE BEST JOB I POSSIBLY CAN IN GETTING MY PART OF THIS TASK DONE.

I HAVE ALREADY HELD 38 PUBLIC HEARINGS ON HEALTH CARE - AND HAVE WRITTEN AN ENTIRE HEALTH REFORM PLAN WITH SENATORS MITCHELL, KENNEDY AND ROCKEFELLER.

AS I LISTENED TO PRESIDENT CLINTON'S POWERFUL CALL TO THE CONGRESS AND THE NATION LAST WEEK - I FELT A DEEP SENSE OF DUTY AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND.

MY HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP IMPOSES AN EXTRAORDINARY TIME COMMITMENT - I HAVE WELCOMED IT - AND NOW I INTEND TO MEET IT FULLY.

PASSAGE OF HEALTH CARE REFORM ALSO REQUIRES BI-PARTISAN COOPERATION AND GOODWILL - AND THAT WILL BE BETTER ACHIEVED IF I AM NOT OTHERWISE ENGAGED IN A PARTISAN RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

BEYOND MY HEALTH CARE DUTIES - I ALSO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WHICH HAS ITS OWN VITAL AND FULL WORK AGENDA AT THIS TIME.

I HAVE HAD THE COMMITTEE MOVING AGGRESSIVELY TO GET A FRESH, NEW URBAN RE-VITALIZATION STRATEGY IN PLACE FOR AMERICA.

AMERICA IS YEARS LATE IN THIS AREA - LARGELY BECAUSE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH - OVER THE PAST 12 YEARS - LARGELY TURNED ITS BACK ON OUR CITIES.

WHOLE GENERATIONS OF URBAN POOR ARE BEING LOST. THE URBAN UNDERCLASS IS GROWING AT A TERRIFYING RATE.

DETROIT HAS THE HIGHEST RATE OF CHILD POVERTY OF ANY AMERICAN CITY. RECENTLY A MOTHER OF THREE WAS SHOT TO DEATH AT A BANK TELLER MACHINE BY A 9 YEAR OLD - WHO SHOWS NO COMPREHENSION OF THE CRIME HE COMMITTED. THESE GROWING MANIFESTATIONS OF A CLOCK-WORK ORANGE SOCIETY REQUIRES OUR MOST URGENT ATTENTION.

WORKING WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION WE MUST MOVE NOW - TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO REVERSE THESE TRENDS.

MANY OF OUR NEW URBAN INITIATIVES - EMPOWERMENT AND ENTERPRISE ZONES, INCREASING THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT, MAKING PERMANENT LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS, AND THE MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS PROGRAM, FREE VACCINES FOR POOR AND UNINSURED CHILDREN - WERE ALL JUST INCORPORATED IN THE RECENT DEFICIT REDUCTION PACKAGE - AND ARE NOW LAW.

BUT OTHER KEY PIECES OF THE STRATEGY - LIKE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BANKS, SECURITIZING SMALL BUSINESS LOANS, ENDING URBAN CREDIT DISCRIMINATION AND PRICE GOUGING - ALL JUST MOVED THROUGH OUR COMMITTEE LAST WEEK WITH A BI-PARTISAN 18 TO 1 VOTE AND ARE NOW READY FOR SENATE FLOOR ACTION.

THESE SPECIAL INSTITUTIONAL WORK RESPONSIBILITIES AS A FULL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ALSO REQUIRE AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF MY TIME AND ATTENTION IN ORDER TO DRIVE THIS WORK THROUGH THE PROCESS.

IT HAS TAKEN 17 YEARS OF EFFORT HERE IN THE SENATE TRENCHES TO NOW HAVE THIS WORK LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE SENATE. I'M ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED TO GET THIS WORK DONE - NOW - WHILE WE HAVE AN OPEN LEGISLATIVE WINDOW.

OVER THE PAST 3 DECADES I HAVE SEEN LEGISLATIVE WINDOWS OPEN - AND THEN CLOSE ABRUPTLY. THIS LEGISLATIVE WINDOW COULD CLOSE IN NOVEMBER OF 1994 - LIKE IT DID IN 1980 WHEN DEMOCRATS LOST CONTROL OF THE SENATE. WE MUST ACT NOW - WHILE WE CAN.

A THIRD VITAL AREA OF PERSONAL WORK EFFORT CONCERNS MY PERSISTENT EFFORTS OVER MANY YEARS WITH THE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS - CHRONIC AND DAMAGING TRADE DEFICITS. THE CONTINUING EROSION OF THE U.S. MANUFACTURING AND JOB BASE - AND THE GRINDING DOWN OF THE WORKING MIDDLE CLASS.

AS ONE BORN AND RAISED IN THE INDUSTRIAL TOWN OF FLINT - I HAVE SEEN THESE PROBLEMS FIRST HAND. THEY WERE REFLECTED IN MY EARLIER EFFORTS TO LEAD THE CHRYSLER LOAN GUARANTEE LEGISLATION THROUGH THE SENATE - DRAFT AND ENACT WITH SENATOR DANFORTH THE SUPER 301 TRADE LAW TO DEAL WITH TRADE CHEATING BY JAPAN AND OTHERS - AND PURSUE OTHER STEPS TO SAVE AND STRENGTHEN THE U.S. JOB BASE.

NOW WE FACE THE NAFTA ISSUE - A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO THAT I STRONGLY OPPOSE.

WHILE HELPING THE ADMINISTRATION ON KEY AREAS OF HEALTH CARE REFORM - AND URBAN RE-VITALIZATION - I HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO CONFRONT THE NAFTA AGREEMENT HEAD-ON. I BELIEVE NAFTA IS FATALLY FLAWED - AND WILL BE TERRIBLY DESTRUCTIVE OF THE AMERICAN JOB BASE.

MICHIGAN HAS ALREADY LOST TENS OF THOUSANDS OF GOOD JOBS TO MEXICO - AND I BELIEVE NAFTA WILL MAKE THIS JOB LOSS MUCH WORSE.

WHILE INTELLIGENT PEOPLE OF EXPERIENCE AND CONSCIENCE ARE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS ISSUE - IT IS MY DEEPLY HELD CONVICTION THAT THIS NAFTA WILL SEVERELY DAMAGE OUR ECONOMY AND OUR COUNTRY.

IT COULD NOT COME AT A WORSE TIME - AS WE STRUGGLE WITH DEFENSE CONVERSION JOB LOSS, CORPORATE DOWNSIZING AND OTHER DAMAGING ECONOMIC RIP-TIDES. IF IT WERE TO PASS - NAFTA WOULD, IN EFFECT, INCREASE THE U.S. WORKFORCE BY SOME 50 MILLION MEXICAN WORKERS - WHO WILL WORK FOR ABOUT 1/9TH OF WHAT A COMPARABLE U.S. WORKER NOW EARNS.

SO THE FIGHT AGAINST NAFTA IS A FIGHT TO SAVE THE JOBS OF MILLIONS OF OUR WORKING PEOPLE - JOBS THAT UNDER NAFTA - WILL BE PACKED UP AND SHIPPED TO MEXICO.

MY ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY SHOULD CLEAR UP THE MISCONCEPTION OF SOME THAT MY AGGRESSIVE OPPOSITION TO NAFTA IS BASED ON RE-ELECTION POLITICS. EXACTLY THE REVERSE IS TRUE.

DEFEATING NAFTA REQUIRES A MAJOR COMMITMENT OF MY TIME AND WORK ENERGY - AS I AM SPEARHEADING THE OPPOSITION EFFORT IN THE SENATE.

THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS THAT RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGNING DRAINS TIME AND EFFORT I CANNOT AFFORD - IF THESE MULTIPLE SENATE WORK OBJECTIVES ARE TO BE MET.

I INTEND TO MEET THEM ALL.

GIVEN THESE SPECIFIC PRESSING SENATE WORK DUTIES - AND OTHERS I WILL NOT MENTION - IT JUST MAKES NO SENSE TO CUT CORNERS ON MY EXISTING JOB RESPONSIBILITIES IN ORDER TO SPEND THE TIME CAMPAIGNING AND FUND-RAISING IN AN EFFORT TO WIN ANOTHER 6 YEAR TERM.

I BELIEVE I SHOULD PUT EVERY OUNCE OF MY WORK ENERGY INTO MY JOB NOW - AND LET OTHERS - WHO CAN - SPEND THE TIME AND EFFORT NECESSARY TO WIN THE NEXT 6 YEAR TERM.

LET ME ALSO SAY THAT I WANT PRESIDENT CLINTON TO HAVE A STRONG RECORD OF LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENT WITH WHICH TO EARN AND WIN A SECOND 4 YEAR TERM. THE LAST DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT TO BE ELECTED PRESIDENT - AND THEN RE-ELECTED - WAS FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT. SO IT ISN'T EASY.

I HAVE HELPED PRESIDENT CLINTON ON EVERY LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO DATE - WITH THE LONE EXCEPTION OF NAFTA WHERE WE HAVE AGREED TO DISAGREE.

HE AND THE FIRST LADY HAVE SHOWN STRONG - ENERGETIC LEADERSHIP - AND THE COUNTRY IS THE BETTER FOR IT.

HE HAS BEEN MOST GRACIOUS TO AGREE TO COME TO MICHIGAN NEXT MONTH TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM MICHIGAN CITIZENS ABOUT THEIR HEALTH CARE CONCERNS - AND LATER ATTEND A CAMPAIGN FUND-RAISING EVENT IN MY BEHALF.

PERHAPS THE FOCUS OF THAT FUND-RAISING EVENT CAN NOW BE DIRECTED TO HELP ALL THE MICHIGAN DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES RUNNING IN 1994 - AND ALSO HELP THE DEMOCRATIC SENATE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AS IT STRIVES TO RETAIN SENATE CONTROL IN 1994.

WHILE I HAVE SPENT SOME TIME HERE EXPLAINING THE JOB SIDE OF THIS DECISION - LET ME SAY THE FAMILY SIDE IS JUST AS COMPELLING.

ON THE FAMILY SIDE OF THE EQUATION - I FACE EXACTLY THE SAME CONFLICT AS MY HOUSE COLLEAGUE FRED UPTON - WHO RECENTLY DECLINED TO RUN FOR THE SENATE DUE TO FAMILY CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVING HIS TWO YOUNG CHILDREN.

VERY FEW CURRENT SENATORS HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN. I AM ONE WHO DOES. MY YOUNGEST TWO CHILDREN - ASHLEY AND ALLISON - ARE NOW 8-1/2 YEARS OLD AND 20 MONTHS OLD - WITH ALLISON BEING THE YOUNGEST OF ALL SENATE CHILDREN.

BOTH ASHLEY AND ALLISON NEED ADEQUATE, QUALITY TIME WITH THEIR DAD NOW - JUST AS I NEED TIME WITH THEM.

ASHLEY HAS JUST STARTED THE 3RD GRADE - SHE HAS A NEW BALL GLOVE - AND SHE AND HER DAD NEED TO PLAY SOME CATCH. THAT - AND OTHER NORMAL FAMILY ACTIVITY - IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE WHEN I AM AWAY TRAVELING VIRTUALLY EVERY MOMENT THE SENATE IS NOT IN SESSION - MUCH OF IT CAMPAIGNING.

WE ALL KNOW THAT THE TYPICAL SENATE WORK DAY STARTS EARLY AND ENDS LATE - DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE LEADERSHIP.

THOSE OF US WITH CHILDREN AT HOME ARE FINDING WE SELDOM GET HOME IN TIME FOR DINNER WITH OUR FAMILIES - AND MANY EVENINGS WE EVEN ARRIVE TOO LATE TO SAY GOODNIGHT TO CHILDREN WHO HAVE ALREADY GONE TO BED.

FAMILIES EVERYWHERE STRUGGLE WITH SUCH DEMANDS - AND SENATE LIFE HERE HAS BEEN TAKING AN INCREASING TOLL ON FAMILY LIFE - PARTICULARLY WITH THE HEAVY TRAVEL DEMANDS ON THE WEEKENDS TO OUR HOME STATES.

I WAS ONCE AGAIN REMINDED OF THIS TWO WEEKENDS AGO - WHEN I TRAVELED OVER 1,100 MILES BY CAR ACROSS MICHIGAN TO VARIOUS STOPS - GRAND RAPIDS - MUSKEGON - TRAVERSE CITY - POSEN - BAY CITY - FLINT - LANSING - STERLING HEIGHTS - WARREN - DETROIT - DEARBORN.

LIKE SO MANY OTHER WEEKENDS, LORI HAD TO BE BOTH MOTHER AND DAD WHILE I WAS ONCE AGAIN AN ABSENTEE FATHER.

IF I WERE TO SERVE ANOTHER 6 YEAR TERM - ASHLEY WOULD THEN BE 16 - AND ALLISON WOULD BE 9. IF THOSE INTERVENING YEARS WERE TO SPEED BY - AS THE YEARS THUS FAR HAVE - THE REAL FAMILY COST HAS TO BE MEASURED IN TERMS THAT CAN NEVER BE RECAPTURED - ESPECIALLY AS A FATHER WHO IS NOW 55 YEARS OLD.

I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THE SENATE AFTER A 4TH TERM - IN THE YEAR 2001 -TO FINALLY RETURN TO A MORE NORMAL FAMILY LIFE - AND, IN EFFECT, PASS ASHLEY IN THE DOORWAY AS SHE IS FINISHING HIGH SCHOOL AND PREPARING TO LEAVE FOR COLLEGE.

ALL MY CHILDREN NEED MORE FROM ME AT THIS POINT IN THEIR LIVES THAN I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE THEM - AND I MUST CHANGE THAT.

I LOST MY DAD LAST YEAR. I LOVED HIM VERY MUCH. HE, TOO, WAS IN POLITICS AND LOVED PUBLIC SERVICE. I KNOW FIRST HAND HOW HARD IT IS TO LOSE FAMILY HOURS TOGETHER - WHEN YOUR DAD IS OUT CAMPAIGNING - AND THEN NEVER GET THEM BACK.

HARRY CHAPIN'S SONG, "CATS IN THE CRADLE" HAS GOTTEN HARDER AND HARDER FOR ME TO LISTEN TO.

SO THESE AND OTHER IMPORTANT FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES REQUIRE MORE OF MY TIME AND EFFORT NOW AND IN THE FUTURE - THEY CANNOT BE SET ASIDE FOR ANOTHER RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN - OR ANOTHER 6 YEAR SENATE TERM.

EIGHT ELECTIONS TO THE CONGRESS WILL HAVE TO BE ENOUGH. THEY ADD TO 28 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS CONGRESSIONAL SERVICE AT THE END OF THIS TERM.

ONLY 6 SENATORS NOW SERVING HAVE LONGER CONGRESSIONAL SENIORITY THAN I DO - IT SPANS 7 PRESIDENTS - AND CAN BE SAID, I THINK, TO CONSTITUTE A FULL CAREER HERE.

MY SEASON OF CONGRESSIONAL SERVICE WILL THEREFORE END WITH THIS CURRENT TERM NEXT YEAR.

AS A FAMILY WE ALSO WANT TO RETURN TO MICHIGAN - SO OUR CHILDREN CAN BE RAISED AND EDUCATED IN MICHIGAN - PUT THEIR ROOTS DOWN THERE - AND BE CLOSER TO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.

WE LOVE MICHIGAN - WE MISS LIVING THERE - AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO GOING HOME.

FOR A TIME WE PLANNED TO RELOCATE TO MICHIGAN WHILE STILL REMAINING IN THE SENATE - WITH ME COMMUTING BACK AND FORTH TO WASHINGTON EACH WEEK BY PLANE - AS SOME MEMBERS DO. BUT THE MORE WE CONSIDERED IT - THE LESS PRACTICAL IT SEEMED.

GIVEN MY SENATE SENIORITY AND HEAVY INSTITUTIONAL WORK DUTIES - AND OUR OWN FAMILY REQUIREMENTS - WE FINALLY CONCLUDED THAT JUST WASN'T A WORKABLE OPTION.

WHILE WE WILL NOT BE WAGING A 4TH SENATE CAMPAIGN - I DO INTEND TO STAY ACTIVE IN POLITICS - ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING GOOD DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES - AND ACTIVELY SUPPORTING MY PARTY AND ITS VALUES AND PRIORITIES.

BY ANNOUNCING THIS DECISION NOW - STRONG NEW DEMOCRATIC CONTENDERS WILL HAVE THE TIME THEY NEED TO SEEK THE NOMINATION FOR THIS SEAT - AND BUILD A WINNING CAMPAIGN.

WHILE I HAVE NO CURRENT PLAN TO PURSUE ANY OTHER ELECTIVE OFFICE - I MAY WELL DO SO IN THE FUTURE - WHEN OUR CHILDREN ARE MORE FULLY GROWN - AND WE, AS A FAMILY, ARE RE-SITUATED IN MICHIGAN.

WHEN THIS SENATE TERM ENDS IN 15 MONTHS - I WILL RETURN TO PRIVATE LIFE AND LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP CREATE MORE PRIVATE SECTOR JOBS IN MICHIGAN - AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD PUBLIC POLICY.

MOST OF ALL I WANT TO PLAY SOME CATCH WITH ASHLEY - LOOK AT SOME BOOKS WITH ALLISON - AND SPEND MORE TIME WITH MY OLDER CHILDREN AND OUR OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS - INCLUDING THAT LONG POSTPONED FISHING TRIP MY DAUGHTER LAURIE AND I TALKED ABOUT LAST WEEK.

MY WIFE LORI - MY BEST COUNSELOR AND BEST FRIEND - HAS BEEN LIKE THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR DURING OUR 15-1/2 YEARS OF MARRIAGE - AND WE, TOO, NEED MORE TIME TOGETHER. SHE HAS GIVEN THOUSANDS OF HOURS OF VOLUNTEER WORK WITHIN THE OFFICE ON VIRTUALLY EVERY KEY ISSUE - SHE HAS HAD A GREAT IMPACT AND HAS HELPED COUNTLESS PEOPLE. I COULD NOT HAVE DONE THIS JOB WITHOUT HER HELP. THANK YOU LORI FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU HAVE DONE.

EVERY COLLEAGUE KNOWS THAT OUR MARRIAGES NEED MORE THAN THE WEARY SHARDS OF TIME WE ARE OFTEN LEFT WITH AFTER AN EXHAUSTING SENATE DAY - OR WEEK.

AS THIS JOB HAS ACCELERATED OVER THE YEARS - I HAVE OFTEN DESCRIBED IT AS LIKE "RIDING A BULLET." LITTLE TIME IS LEFT FOR ANY SEMBLANCE OF NORMAL LIVING - A REALITY WE ALL DO OUR BEST TO

COPE WITH. AS ONE WHO WILL BE 57 YEARS OLD SHORTLY AFTER THIS TERM ENDS - I AM REBALANCING MY PRIORITIES.

UNDERSTANDABLY - SOME WILL WONDER IF WE ARE LEAVING BECAUSE SENATE LIFE IS TOO FRUSTRATING AND CONTEMPORARY POLITICS TOO BRUTALIZING - OR WHETHER I HAD DEEP DOUBTS ABOUT WINNING A 4TH SENATE TERM. LET ME ADDRESS BOTH POINTS.

FIRST, THE FREQUENTLY HEARD COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE FRUSTRATINGLY SLOW SENATE WORK PROCESS WITH ITS ANTIQUATED PROCEDURES - ALONG WITH THE MISERABLE CONDITION OF OUR CAMPAIGN FINANCING SYSTEM - ARE ABSOLUTELY VALID. AS MADDENING AND DEBILITATING AS THEY ARE - THEY AREN'T THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF MY LEAVING ALTHOUGH THEY RE-ENFORCE ONE'S DECISION TO LEAVE - AS TIM WIRTH, WARREN RUDMAN AND OTHERS BEFORE ME HAVE SAID.

THESE CORROSIVE PROBLEMS ARE AN EVERYDAY FACT OF LIFE FOR EACH SENATOR. A SINGLE WILLFUL COLLEAGUE CAN TIE THE SENATE IN KNOTS - AS WE SO OFTEN SEE - AND IT THEN REDUCES THE SENATE TO A SHELL OF WHAT IT COULD OR SHOULD BE.

YET EVEN IN THE TEETH OF THESE IMPEDIMENTS - IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO ACCOMPLISH IMPORTANT WORK HERE - AND THAT IS WHY MANY OF US HAVE STAYED ON. BUT BY ANY OBJECTIVE MEASURE, WE ARE WORKING HARDER AND HARDER TO ACHIEVE EVEN MODEST POLICY GAINS.

OUR POLITICAL SYSTEM IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE - AND THE SENATE IS SQUANDERING MUCH OF ITS RELEVANCE. THIS REQUIRES MORE DISCUSSION THAN TIME PERMITS TODAY - IT WOULD TAKE A BOOK.

BUT THAT HELPS UNDERSCORE THE URGENT NEED TO MAKE MAJOR LEGISLATIVE BREAKTHROUGHS OVER THE NEXT YEAR - AS WE NOW HAVE AN EXTRAORDINARY CHANCE TO DO.

ON THE '94 SENATE RACE IN MICHIGAN - LET ME FRANKLY ADMIT THAT A LARGE PART OF ME WOULD RELISH WINNING ONE MORE SENATE CAMPAIGN. I LOVE CAMPAIGNING. I LIKE MEETING PEOPLE FACE TO FACE - HAVING THAT DIRECT PERSONAL BOND - IT'S THE BEST PART OF THE JOB. THAT I WILL GREATLY MISS.

DESPITE THE CARPING OF SOME OF MY CRITICS - I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT MOST OF THE SERIOUS AND RESPECTED POLITICAL PUNDITS IN MICHIGAN HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE EXPECTED ME TO WIN AGAIN NEXT YEAR NOW THAT THE COMPETITIVE PICTURE IS QUITE CLEAR. THE MOST RECENT WAS GEORGE WEEKS IN THE DETROIT NEWS JUST TWO DAYS AGO - INDICATING A RE-ELECTION VICTORY.

MY OWN RECENT POLLS SHOW ME RECEIVING OVER 50% OF THE VOTE WHEN MATCHED AGAINST ANY WELL KNOWN PROSPECTIVE CHALLENGER - ALL OF WHOM RAN FAR BEHIND INCLUDING MICHIGAN'S PRESENT GOVERNOR. MY

VOLUNTEER BASE IS STRONGER THAN EVER - AND I HAVE - WITHOUT FALSE MODESTY - A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO HIGHLIGHT IN A RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

AND DESPITE VERY TOUGH, SELF-IMPOSED CAMPAIGN FUND-RAISING RESTRICTIONS - WE ARE RAISING ALL THE CONTRIBUTIONS WE WOULD NEED FOR A WINNING CAMPAIGN.

THERE IS NOT A DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT I COULD CONDUCT ANOTHER WINNING CAMPAIGN NEXT YEAR.

IN MY LAST ELECTION IN 1988, I RECEIVED 2,116,865 VOTES - THE HIGHEST TOTAL EVER RECEIVED BY A MICHIGAN DEMOCRATIC SENATE CANDIDATE. I'M PROUD TO LEAVE IT THERE FOR OTHERS TO CHALLENGE.

NOW, THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN FOR ALLOWING ME THIS RARE PRIVILEGE OF NEARLY 3 DECADES OF SERVICE TO OUR STATE AND COUNTRY.

IT HAS BEEN AN AMAZING PERIOD OF OUR HISTORY - I'VE CAST MANY THOUSANDS OF VOTES - AND AS THOSE WHO WATCH C-SPAN KNOW - I HAVE SPOKEN OUT FORCEFULLY AND OFTEN -- AND I'VE NEVER PULLED MY PUNCHES.

MY FAMILY AND I - ALONG WITH MY STAFF MEMBERS AND OUR SUPPORTERS - HAVE STRIVEN TO GIVE THE FULL MEASURE OF OUR BEST EFFORT.

WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH AND WHERE WE HAVE FALLEN SHORT - IT HAS NOT BEEN FOR LACK OF EFFORT OR GOOD MOTIVE.

MY MAIN EFFORTS HERE IN CONGRESS HAVE BEEN AIMED AT ACHIEVING ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND RACIAL JUSTICE FOR OUR PEOPLE. THAT HAS BEEN MY DRIVING PASSION.

ONE OF MY PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS IS THAT I HAVE NOMINATED MORE AFRICAN AMERICAN PERSONS TO THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY THAN ANY SENATOR IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE SENATE FOR DESIGNATING ME AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BANKING, HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OVER THE PAST 4-1/2 YEARS - A TIME OF GREAT CHALLENGE.

SINCE ASSUMING THAT CHAIRMANSHIP IN 1989 - I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GUIDE TO PASSAGE LANDMARK LEGISLATION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR COUNTRY.

MY IMMEDIATE ACTION AS CHAIRMAN WAS TO LEAD TO ENACTMENT SWEEPING REFORMS OF THE S&L INDUSTRY - THE TOUGHEST FINANCIAL REFORM LAW IN THE PAST 50 YEARS.

THAT LEGISLATION STOPPED ALL THE ABUSES - PROVIDED FUNDS TO PROSECUTE THE WRONGDOERS - AND RESTRUCTURED THE REGULATORY PROCESS - ALL OF WHICH HAS PUT THE INDUSTRY ON A PROPER PATH TOWARD SOLVENCY BASED ON SOUND PRACTICE.

THAT WAS FOLLOWED IN 1991 BY ENACTMENT OF SWEEPING REFORMS OF OUR COMMERCIAL BANKING SYSTEM. THAT BANK REFORM BILL STRENGTHENED REGULATORY STANDARDS AND SUPERVISION - AND REVERSED THE NEGATIVE TRENDS THAT HAD THREATENED THE VERY SOLVENCY OF THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE FUND.

THE BANKING INDUSTRY IS NOW BACK ON A SOLID FOOTING - AND BY STRONG, TIMELY ACTION WE HAVE AVERTED WHAT COULD HAVE BECOME A SYSTEMATIC BREAKDOWN OF OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO MOVED AGGRESSIVELY TO STOP DISCRIMINATORY LENDING PRACTICES - AND BRING A FULL MEASURE OF EQUITY AND FAIRNESS TO THE EVERYDAY WORKINGS OF OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

ALL THESE INITIATIVES WILL HAVE IMPORTANT AND LASTING VALUE. I AM VERY PROUD OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK DURING MY TENURE AS CHAIRMAN. I HAVE INSISTED THAT WE FUNCTION ON A BI-PARTISAN BASIS - AND EVERY MEMBER HAS CONTRIBUTED IMPORTANTLY. SO I AGAIN THANK THE SENATE FOR HAVING ENTRUSTED ME WITH THIS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY AT SUCH A CHALLENGING TIME.

LET ME NOW SAY SOME OTHER SPECIAL THANK-YOUS - STARTING WITH ALL MY FAMILY MEMBERS - FOR THEIR SACRIFICES AND STRONG SUPPORT OVER THESE MANY YEARS. I WANT TO PARTICULARLY THANK MY SISTER - DEE RIEGLE TORRES - WHO LIKE LORI - HAS BEEN A SOLID ROCK OF SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT AT EVERY POINT.

I ALSO WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST THANKS TO ALL MY LOYAL SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS OVER THESE MANY YEARS - AND THE TRULY EXCEPTIONAL STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD AND ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH THAT IS GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE. I ESPECIALLY THANK ALL THOSE WHO STEPPED FORWARD EARLY TO HELP WITH THE 1994 RE-ELECTION EFFORT - AND MY CAMPAIGN STAFF. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU.

IT IS SAID THAT ALL THINGS HAVE THEIR SEASON. EIGHT ELECTIONS TO FEDERAL OFFICE - 3 SENATE TERMS AND 5 HOUSE TERMS - WILL MAKE MY SEASON.

I LOOK FORWARD TO FINISHING MY WORK HERE WITH ALL THE FORCE AT MY COMMAND - WITHOUT ANY OF THE DISTRACTIONS OF A RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN. I WILL GIVE IT MY ALL FOR THE NEXT 15 MONTHS - AND COME 1995 - WILL THEN MOVE ON TO NEW CHALLENGES.

I WILL, HOWEVER, ALWAYS LEAVE PART OF MY HEART HERE IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE WHERE SO MANY BONDS OF SHARED EXPERIENCE - TEAMWORK - AND PERSONAL AFFECTION TIE US TOGETHER.

I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR PERMITTING ME TO MAKE THESE REMARKS  
THIS MORNING.

DONALD W. RIEGLE JR.  
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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton  
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*To: Pam  
PP: Saka Grote  
DT: 4-11-94*

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am pleased to invite you to join me at the 20th annual Michigan Senior Power Day on May 18, 1994, in Lansing, Michigan. In addition to addressing over 4000 senior leaders from across Michigan, you would have the opportunity to participate in a U. S. Senate Aging Committee hearing on health care reform issues. I believe that this forum will provide an excellent chance to reach out and address the concerns many senior citizens have expressed during the health care reform debate.

As you may already know, Michigan Senior Power Day is a nationally recognized event which brings together thousands of senior leaders from around the state. The purpose of Senior Power Day is to increase public knowledge of the issues affecting our nation's aging population and to encourage senior citizens to become involved in the legislative process at both the state and national level.


The theme of the 1994 Senior Power Day is "Senior Power: Celebrating 20 years of effective advocacy". For years, Michigan seniors have recognized the important issues facing America and the Senior Power Day organization has echoed that attitude by writing platforms advocating national health insurance, prescription drug coverage, the solvency of Social Security, and the need for long term care. Senior Power Day has consistently emphasized the intergenerational impact these issues have.

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As with all states, Michigan is suffering without health care reform. Of the 1 million Michiganians who do not have health insurance 300,000 of them are children. Retirees are facing the loss of health insurance benefits from their former employers as businesses are forced to cut benefits in an effort to control their escalating costs. Detroit auto companies are facing higher health care costs which make them less competitive on the global market. In addition, health care providers in Michigan must absorb increasingly greater uncompensated health care costs which results in further cost shifting. As you know, Michigan's story is far from unique.

Senior Power Day will give you the opportunity to discuss the Clinton Administration's health care reform plan with the people of Michigan. And because this event attracts statewide coverage, it will spread your message beyond our state borders. It is my hope that you will join me in Michigan for Senior Power Day, and I look forward to discussing it further with you.

Sincerely,

  
Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

*This formalizes  
the request that  
be discussed at  
the recent  
Senate Dem.  
function.*

*This is a  
major hit if  
you can do it -  
I will help  
in every way.  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

August 31, 1993

Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Don:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to take part in the event sponsored by the Michigan state AFL-CIO. I agree that this is a group we need to support the President's health care reform proposal, and I would very much like to participate. Unfortunately, as you know, my schedule does not permit me to accept every worthwhile invitation. If I am able to join you for the COPE dinner, I will let you know as soon as possible.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

  
Hillary Rodham Clinton

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July 29, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton  
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Dear Hillary: *Hillary*

As you no doubt have learned from Maggie Williams, I called your office on July 14 to forward an invitation to you from the Michigan state AFL-CIO to be the featured speaker at their annual COPE dinner on October 22 in Dearborn, Michigan.

This invitation comes to you from Frank Garrison, the state AFL-CIO president and this dinner would attract a minimum of 1500-2000 men and women from across the entire state. While most of the attendees would be members of the labor movement, there would be a good cross section of management people as well.

The proceeds of this dinner go into their COPE fund which is used to finance their activity on public issues and provide financial support to the Democratic Party and the various candidates receiving labor's endorsement.

This is by far the single largest event that the labor community does each year and your attendance would guarantee an enthusiastic capacity crowd.

As you would imagine, there would be the greatest possible interest in the administration's health reform proposal -- and this would be a perfect time to reach that entire community -- and the broader Michigan constituency -- with your comments and observations on that issue and any other you wished to raise.

Given our discussion at yesterday's health care luncheon discussion in the Capitol -- this is one critical cross-section of people we must have in our support base on our health reform package. This dinner automatically collects for us in one room all the people we need to reach in that community -- and at a crucial time in terms of our public selling effort.

In addition, Michigan is an absolutely critical state for us in 1994 and 1996, and I think that there are a few places where such a personal effort on your part would have greater positive political consequences. Virtually all the Michigan Democratic congressional delegation will be present and it would provide an opportunity to rally everyone on the urgent need to get our health reform package enacted.

As you know we will have an opportunity to elect a new Democratic governor in 1994 at the same time that and I am facing a tough re-election fight as are several members of our Michigan Congressional delegation. If it is possible for you to do this event, I think it would provide maximum political lift to our ticket in a natural circumstance this year -- and would not be seen as excessively partisan.

As I indicated to Maggie Williams, I know you are besieged with invitations of every manner and sort and, being mindful of that, I will only ever suggest those visits which I think have the maximum multiplier effect. This is such an event if your schedule enables you to do it.

Thank you for giving this your consideration. You will also be receiving a direct contact from Frank Garrison in due course.

Warmest personal regards,



Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

DWR/jmw

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February 19, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Office of the First Lady  
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Dear Hillary:

I am writing to follow up on our discussion at the immunization event in Arlington, Virginia last Friday. I would consider it an honor to host a forum for you in Michigan on issues relating to reforming our health care system.

My staff has indicated that you may want to hold a forum in the Midwest as early as March. If a Michigan visit is feasible, the dates when I can be present are March 15th or March 22nd.

I would suggest that such a forum be held in Southfield, Michigan, a middle class suburb of Detroit. I would be pleased work with you on other dates as well, if March 15th and 22nd are not convenient for your busy schedule.

Michigan would be an ideal region to have a health care forum because of the range of issues the state faces. We are heavily represented by a key sector of the manufacturing sector, the auto companies. These companies are being crushed by high health care costs. In addition, there are many small businesses in our urban and rural areas who are unable to provide coverage for their workers and who continue to face rising health care costs if they do. Children's issue are also a top priority in the state for many organizations. And as in many states, our providers are having to face growing uncompensated care costs that result in cost-shifting to those who can pay, raising health care costs overall.

As I indicated in our discussion last Friday, I have already sponsored 20 health care forums in Michigan since I became Chairman of the Finance Subcommittee on Health for Families and the Uninsured and another 15 in

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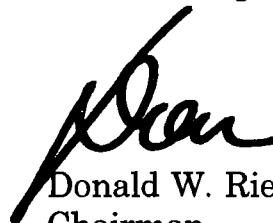
Washington. Our purpose was to solicit the views of Michigan citizens in crafting the comprehensive plan, HealthAmerica, I authored with Senators Mitchell, Kennedy, and Rockefeller.

We can produce any format you prefer. I thought the conference format at the Pennsylvania forum with Senator Wofford resulted in a natural, free flowing exchange of ideas. In past forums, we have felt it was important to invite the general public. As a way of combining the two approaches, we could have a conference style table with selected presentations, the best from the many forums I have held, and also invite the public to attend, observe, and provide written suggestions.

It is absolutely critical for families and individuals to talk about problems they are facing because of the health care crisis in this country. Last July 1992, I began coming to the Senate floor each week to talk about specific Michigan families who have either lost their health insurance or whose health insurance is inadequate to protect them from the skyrocketing costs of health care in this country. From these cases and the other forums I have held, we can select very powerful family stories to illustrate the current problems.

If you want to come to Michigan, I am ready to do whatever is necessary to organize a forum there and structure the forum in whatever way best meets your needs. I greatly appreciate your vital leadership in this area and look forward to working with you to enact health care reform.

Warmest regards,



Donald W. Riegle, Jr.  
Chairman,  
Finance Subcommittee on Health  
for Families and the Uninsured

THE WHITE HOUSE

July 1, 1993

Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Riegle:

Thank you for your letter in support of the invitation extended by the Kalamazoo Area Labor-Management Committee. Unfortunately, my schedule does not permit me to accept every request that I would like to honor. If I am able to participate in this worthwhile event, I will contact Mr. R. Keith Lolley directly.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

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

Hillary Rodham Clinton

DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.  
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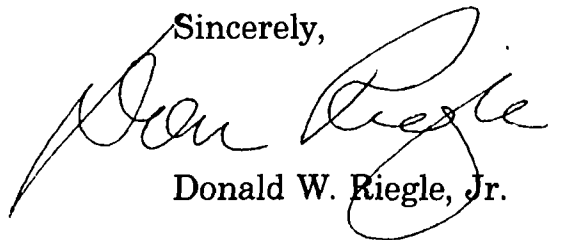
Dear Mrs. Rodham Clinton:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Kalamazoo Area Labor-Management (KALM) Committee which has invited you to be the keynote speaker at their seminar on either October 15 or 28, 1993. Enclosed is the itinerary of last year's seminar.

The contact at the KALM Committee is R. Keith Lolley, Seminar Co-Chair. Your office may correspond with Keith at the following address: 100 West Michigan Avenue, Suite 294, Kalamazoo, MI 49007 or by phone (616) 342-0000.

I understand that your schedule is extremely full and appreciate your consideration of the KALM Committee's request.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

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# "COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IN THE 90'S"

September 18, 1992  
Western Michigan University Fetzer Center  
Kalamazoo, Michigan

*Featuring*

**MORNING KEYNOTE: DOUGLAS FRASER, PRESIDENT EMERITUS, UNITED AUTO WORKERS UNION**

**LUNCHEON SPEAKER: BERNARD DELURY, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE**

**100 Series 9:45 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.**

**101 EFFECTIVE EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT IN THE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**

The Southwest Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council has developed a program (BEACON) which is not only unique to Michigan but is one of few such programs nationwide. This session focuses on integrating employee, supervisory and customer input into a \$100 million project.

Focus: Employee Involvement  
Presenter: Gregg Sudderth, President, Construction Industry Resources, Inc.

**102 HOW TO GET EMPLOYEES BEHIND YOUR HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAMS**

This presentation is designed to give you practical, immediately useful ideas to attain employee involvement in and manage support for your health promotion efforts. Specific topics covered will be 1) how to determine what employees want in a health promotion program 2) the importance of feedback to employees and management regarding the success of specific health promotion efforts 3) a discussion of the 15/70/15 rule which should guide the development of your health promotion program 4) a discussion of successful health promotion programs and what these programs all have in common and 5) 10 key factors for a successful health promotion program.

Focus: Health Care Cost Containment Strategies  
Presenter: Jeff Rubleski and Shawn Connors, International Health Awareness Center

**103 WORKPLACE INNOVATIONS AND COMPANY PERFORMANCE: A UNION NON-UNION COMPARISON**

The presenter will compare on-going workplace innovations as they apply to work teams, pay incentives, skill and technology and related company performance across union/non-union firms. Factors associated with success and failure of cooperative labor-management relations will also be discussed.

Focus: Labor-Management/Alternative Bargaining  
Presenter: William Cooke, Professor of Labor and Urban Affairs, Wayne State University

## The 300 Series 1:30 p.m.- 2:20 p.m.

### 301 EVOLUTION OF LABOR-MANAGEMENT COOPERATION AT MASTERLOCK

Earle Stintzi and William Peterson will discuss the evolution of labor-management cooperation at Master Lock, and the role collective bargaining and the use of "win/win" negotiating will have in the decade of the 90's.

\*Note session covers two time blocks (301 and 401), please sign up for both sessions.

Focus: Employee Involvement

Presenter: Earle Stintzi, Masterlock and William Peterson, United Auto Workers Union

### 302 COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACHES TO THE HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY CRISIS

This session will focus on why health care has become so unaffordable for workers and their employers or union trusts. The presenters will offer explanations of how community-based health purchasers have dealt with the affordability issue and discuss what your community can do.

Focus: Health Care Cost Containment

Presenters: Andrew Hogan, Acting Assistant Director, Michigan Health Benefits Network and Associate Professor of Health Economics, Michigan State University

Peter Franklin, President, Southwest Michigan Health Care Coalition

Dennis White, Executive Director, Washtenaw Health Care Coalition

### 303 ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR MUTUAL GAINS BARGAINING

This presentation will include models of bargaining, communication and confrontation skills, tactical and problem solving skills. A negotiation simulation follows in Session 403.

Focus: Labor-Management/Alternative Bargaining

Presenter: Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld, Associate Professor, School of Labor and Industrial Relations, Michigan State University

### 304 MIOSHA RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, TRENDS AND IMPACT

Topics will include recent civil penalty increases, "good faith credit", and safety and health programs, standard changes and other current subjects. Also a discussion of the federal OSHA evaluation of state-run OSHA programs and the impact on the programs along with OSHA reform with highlights on labor relations implications.

Focus: Safety and Health

Presenter: Douglas Earle, Director, Bureau of Safety and Regulation, Michigan Department of Labor

# HOTEL INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS

## General Information

Due to another major event in Kalamazoo the weekend of September 18th, hotel vacancies are limited. The following hotel and bed and breakfasts have vacancies:

**The Kalamazoo Center**  
100 West Michigan  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
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**Hall House Bed and Breakfast**  
106 Thompson  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(616) 343-2500

**Kalamazoo House**  
447 W. South  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(616) 343-5426

**Stuart Avenue Inn**  
405 Stuart  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
(616) 342-0230



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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

## DIRECTIONS TO THE CENTER

### From Downtown Kalamazoo

Drive westerly on Stadium Drive (Business Route 131). At Howard Street turn right and drive 0.6 miles; at the light turn left onto West Michigan Avenue. Turn left at the second street, Rankin Avenue, then turn right onto Business Court. Turn left into the large parking lot, then immediately right into the Fetzer Center parking area, Lot 72F.

### From M-43 West of Kalamazoo

Drive easterly past US 131 and after 1.9 miles, turn right onto Howard Avenue and drive south 0.5 miles where Solon turns into Howard Street. At the light turn left onto West Michigan Avenue. Turn left at the second street, Rankin Avenue, then right onto Business Court. Turn left into the large parking lot, then immediately right into the Fetzer Center parking area, Lot 72F.

### From I-94 Detroit (East) and Chicago (West)

Exit #75, turn north onto Oakland Drive, drive 2.7 miles; turn left onto Howard Street, go 1.1 miles; turn right onto West Michigan Avenue. Turn left at the second street, Rankin Avenue, then turn right onto Business Court. Turn left into the large parking lot, then immediately right into the Fetzer Center parking area, Lot 72F.

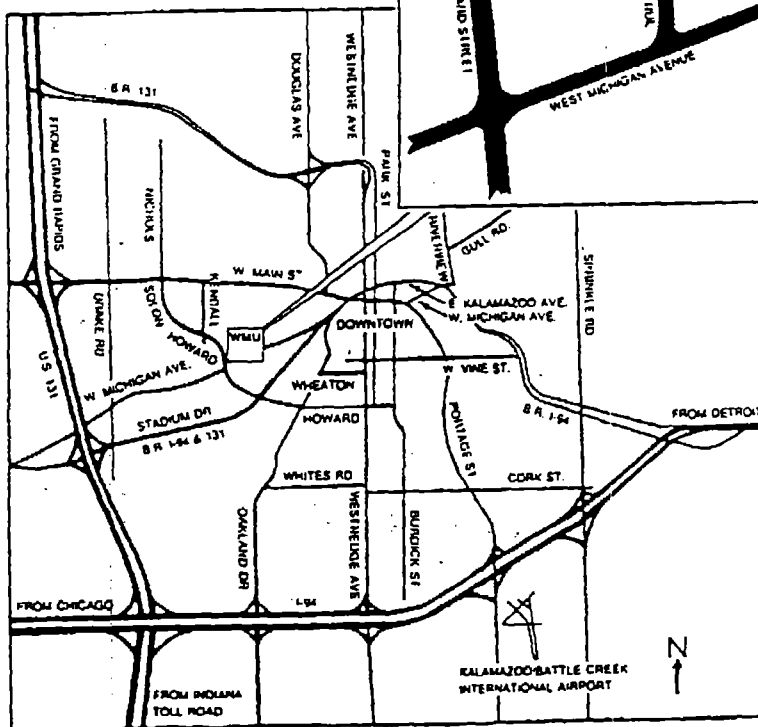
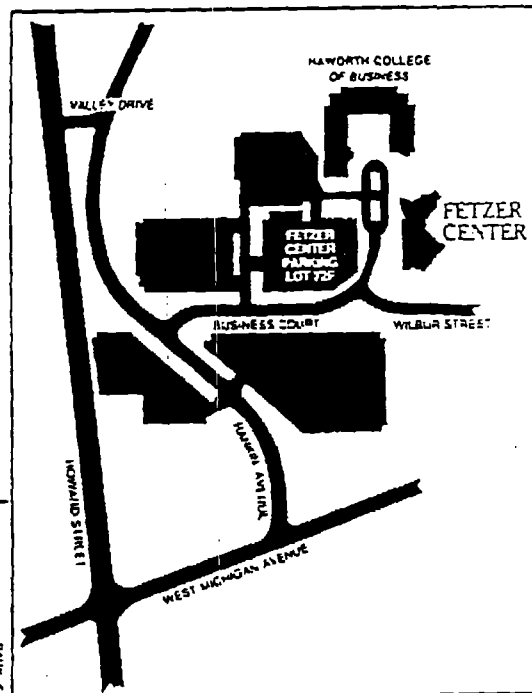
### From US 131 (North) Grand Rapids, Muskegon

Exit #36A, turn east onto Stadium Drive, drive 2.2 miles; to Howard Street; turn left and go 0.6 miles; turn right onto West Michigan Avenue. Turn left at the second street, Rankin Avenue, then right onto Business Court. Turn left into the large parking lot, then immediately right into the Fetzer Center parking area, Lot 72F.

### From M-43 North of Kalamazoo

Drive westbound M-43 through downtown Kalamazoo (Gull Road—Riverview Avenue—East Michigan Avenue—Kalamazoo Avenue—West Main Street) until reaching Solon Street (the fourth traffic light after Kalamazoo Avenue merges with West Main Street and becomes two-way traffic, Kalamazoo College.) Turn left onto Solon and drive south 0.5 miles where Solon turns into Howard Street. At the light turn left onto West Michigan Avenue. Turn left at the second street, Rankin Avenue, then right onto Business Court. Turn left into the large parking lot, then immediately right into the Fetzer Center parking area, Lot 72F.

# WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



THE WHITE HOUSE

June 15, 1993


Honorable Donald W. Riegle, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Riegle:

Thank you for your letter in support of the invitation extended by the India League of America. Unfortunately, my schedule does not permit me to accept every request that I would like to honor, and I was unable to participate in this worthwhile event. I hope you will pass on my sincere regrets to Mr. Ramash C. Verma.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

  
Hillary Rodham Clinton

DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.  
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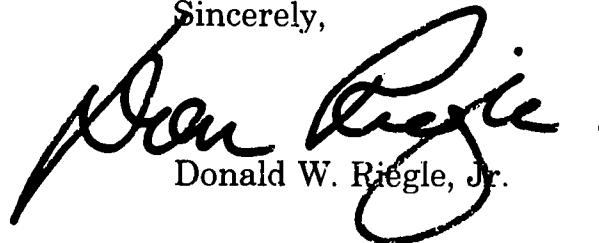
Dear Mrs. Clinton:

I am writing to you on behalf of the India League of America's Michigan Chapter who have invited you to be their guest of honor at their Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 16, 1993 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Michigan.

Mr. Ramesh C. Verma is the person you may contact at the India League of America. His address is P.O. Box 2833, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-2833.

I understand your schedule is extremely busy and appreciate your consideration of this request by this Michigan group.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

THE WHITE HOUSE

November 1, 1993

Hon. Donald W. Riegle, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Riegle:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to be the keynote speaker at the Oakland Democratic Party's Phil Hart Dinner on February 13.

I appreciate the significance of this event and have forwarded your letter to my scheduling office for consideration.

It was good to hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,

  
Hillary Rodham Clinton

~~cc~~ Patti Solis  
Director of Scheduling

DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.  
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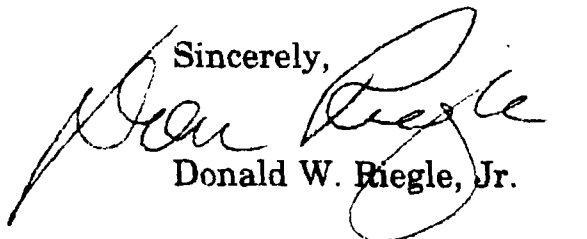
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I am sure you are familiar with this event since President Clinton was the guest speaker in 1991. At that event over 1000 were in attendance. A larger attendance is expected at this year's dinner. This is a very important event since next year the Democratic Party in Michigan will be trying to increase Democratic representation in the U.S. Senate, State Senate, State House and Governor's office.

Your office may contact: Ms. Darlene Berent  
Executive Director  
Oakland County Democratic Party  
100 N. Crooks, Suite 106  
Clawson, MI 48017  
(313) 435-4044

I understand your schedule is extremely busy and appreciate your consideration of this important Michigan request.

Sincerely,



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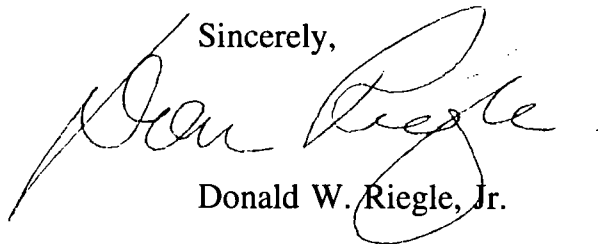
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I understand your schedule is extremely busy and appreciate your consideration of this request by this Michigan constituent.

Sincerely,



Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

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- Please forward to Pam

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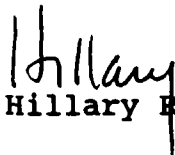
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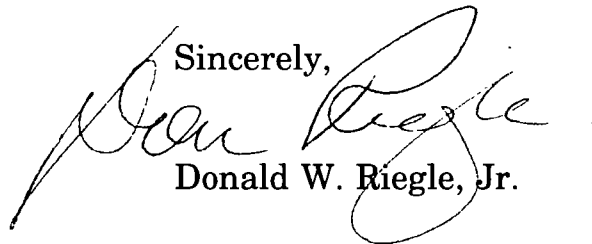
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Sincerely,



Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

~~cc:~~ Melanne, Patti, Joan

THE WHITE HOUSE

November 10, 1993


Hon. Donald W. Riegle, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Riegle:

Thank you for your letter in support of the invitation extended by the Michigan Democratic Party to participate in a "Health Care University" for legislators, business and community leaders. I concur that this is an important forum, and I will contact State Senator Miller directly if I am able to participate.

With warm personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

  
Hillary Rodham Clinton



cc: Melanne  
Patti  
Joan

UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DONALD W. RIEGLE, JR.  
MICHIGAN

November 5, 1993

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Office of the First Lady  
Old Executive Office Building, Room 100  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Hillary:

I am writing on behalf of the Democratic Party in Michigan to invite you to participate in a one-day "Health Care University" for legislators, business and community leaders. This event is being held in concert with the Democratic Caucuses of the Michigan Senate and the House of Representatives, to provide information on President Clinton's health reform legislation. The dates which are being considered are December 3 and December 6, 1993.

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November 5, 1993

Should your schedule permit I would encourage you to consider this invitation. With your expertise and involvement in the legislation at hand, those in attendance would benefit greatly should you be able to participate.

Warm personal regards,

  
Donald W. Riegle, Jr.

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Mich. a key  
State in '94  
and '96 -  
this could be  
a very useful  
event.*

*Warm regards -  
Dan*



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ART MILLER, JR.  
STATE SENATOR

27TH DISTRICT

October 21, 1993

The Honorable Donald W. Riegle  
United States Senator  
SD 105 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Riegle:

The Democratic Party, in concert with the Democratic Caucuses of the Michigan Senate and the House of Representatives, has formed the "Michigan Health Care Campaign". Our purpose is to increase Michigan citizens' awareness of the urgent need to adopt President Clinton's health care reform plan and to enact changes in Michigan law to implement the reforms. We will be working in coordination with other groups, like AARP and the AFL-CIO, which plan citizen education efforts.

We are planning to conduct a one-day "Health Care University" similar to that held in Washington, D.C. for legislators, business, and community leaders, to provide the details of President Clinton's health reform legislation. I would like to request your assistance in obtaining Mrs. Clinton to speak at the event. We are looking at December third or sixth, dates which would not conflict with the Legislature's scheduled session in Lansing, but we would certainly be willing to work around the First Lady's schedule.

You are very familiar with the current partisan atmosphere of state politics here in Michigan. Governor Engler has been indicating that he will support little in the way of health care reform, except perhaps small insurance reform measures. We will need to build a groundswell of public support in order to enact any of President Clinton's changes at a state level.

Mrs. Clinton has both the expertise to provide accurate details and the skill and grace necessary to navigate turbulent partisan areas. I know her presence would be helpful in garnering the needed support.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Art Miller, Jr.  
Senate Democratic Leader

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