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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 2, 1995

Dave Dawson, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Dawson:

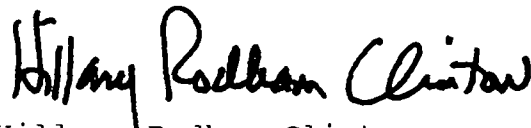
Thank you for writing to share your idea about increasing the percentage of Americans who have health insurance by expanding the Medicare program. The health care reform bill introduced by Congressman Gephardt during the last session of Congress would have created a Medicare Part C option to cover employees of small businesses, the unemployed, and others who do not receive coverage through their jobs.

Although Congress was unable to pass health reform legislation last session, I hope you share my pride in the progress we have made. Because of the active involvement of people like you, we began a vigorous discussion about how best to address the problems in our health care system.

As you know, these problems have not gone away. Nearly 40 million Americans -- including 10 million children -- have no health insurance, and millions more are just one pink slip or illness away from losing coverage. The President remains firmly committed to continuing the fight to guarantee that every American has health insurance and to get health care costs under control. This year, the President and his Administration will work with Congress to take the first steps toward achieving these goals.

Thank you again for writing to share your suggestions and your support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Rodham Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hillary Rodham Clinton

Mr. Jock Gill
The White House
Washington DC 20500

August 21, 1994

Dear Jock,

This is a followup of our conversation today about health care legislation. I am hoping that you can pass this on to the proper parties in Washington, particularly Mrs. Clinton.

I write this from the perspective of a physician in practice for over 35 years in various settings, including academic medicine, the Army, the Veterans Administration, and private practice.

I view the current maneuverings in the Senate with great misgivings. The two main goals, access for everybody, and free choice of physician, are rapidly disappearing. Everybody can see this. Of course the medical profession is partly to blame. I'm sure Mrs. Clinton must have encountered all kinds of opposition and condescension in her contacts with organized medical groups. Most of my colleagues are not like that, are concerned and worried, do not support the positions of organized medical groups, and would be content with a single payer plan.

I have a suggestion. One could build on the most successful Government medical program, Medicare. After a generation in place, older people rely on it and expect it. The program, with its flaws, is accepted. What hospital or surgeon refuses Medicare payments?

Why not extend Medicare by steps? Begin, in the first year, with children aged zero to 10. They should be covered, regardless of the parents' income or employment. After a time, the next group, aged 10-20, would be covered. And so on. The coverage doesn't have to be complex, just the basics, including care for long term illness.

Obviously Medicare has its flaws. The main one is poor cost control, which can be translated as inappropriate use of resources, such as unnecessary cataract surgery in the very aged. A second flaw is a certain amount of fraud. A third is lack of coverage of some essential treatments. However I believe all these can be solved and the overall success rate of the program is obviously very high.

It goes without saying that starting an expansion of Medicare with children would be acceptable to people of many political persuasions.

I enjoyed our brief reunion. I hope you find these thoughts useful.

Sincerely,

Dave Dawson

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Pam-
could you pass this
along to HRC?
Thank you
Jack

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 2, 1995

The Honorable Neil M. Cohen
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Dear Assemblyman Cohen:

Thank you for writing to share with me your support for health care reform and your concerns about coverage for bone marrow treatment.

Although Congress was unable to pass health reform legislation last session, I hope you share my pride in the progress we have made. Because of the active involvement of people like you, we began a vigorous discussion about how best to address the problems in our health care system.

As you know, these problems have not gone away. Nearly 40 million Americans have no health insurance, and millions more are just one pink slip or illness away from losing coverage. The President remains firmly committed to continuing the fight to guarantee that every American has health insurance and to contain health care costs for families, businesses, and Federal, State and local governments. This year, the President and his Administration will work with the Congress to take the first steps toward achieving these goals.

In the meantime, the National Cancer Institute has testified before the House Subcommittee on Compensation and Employee Benefits that autologous bone marrow transplantation is being evaluated seriously in the treatment of patients with leukemias, lymphomas, multiple myeloma, testicular cancer, ovarian cancer and some childhood malignancies. In addition, the Administration has provided significant support for clinical research trials on various forms of cancer. This research is essential to determining the safety and efficacy of methods of cancer prevention, detection and treatment.

Thank you again for writing. The President and his Administration count on your ongoing support for meaningful health care reform.

Sincerely yours,

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Hillary Rodham Clinton

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June 12, 1995

Vincent T. DeVita, Jr., M.D.
Director, Yale Cancer Center
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Dear Dr. DeVita:

Thank you for writing to share information about the *Seeds of Prevention* program launched by the Yale Cancer Center. As you know, the President and I share your belief in the importance of preventive care. It is so encouraging to learn about efforts to teach children about the important role they play in maintaining and improving their own health. It is never too early for our children to understand the link between good nutrition and the prevention of cancer and other illnesses.

I wish you continued success with *Seeds of Prevention*. Thank you again for writing -- and for the carrot seeds.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton



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April 20, 1995

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton
The White House
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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Knowing of your concern for the lives of our children, I thought that you would be interested in knowing about *The Seeds of Prevention*®, a prevention and nutrition program, initiated at your alma mater by the Yale Cancer Center to be taught in the elementary schools of the State of Connecticut between April 23 and 29.

The Seeds of Prevention® focuses on preventive medicine in its most basic form, and will encourage young people to begin early understanding the beneficial link between good nutrition and the prevention of cancer. This point is highlighted by showing the value of gardening and growing healthful foods.

Over 1,450 third grade teachers will participate in the program which will reach over 32,000 children in Connecticut. Each teacher has received a lesson plan and Danvers Half Long Carrot seeds to plant in class. In addition, the children will be given a packet of carrot seeds, a newsletter entitled, *The Seed Packet* featuring nutritional advice, gardening advice and simple carrot recipes, and a nutritional brochure from the National Cancer Institute to take home to share with their families.

I feel that a valuable aspect of *The Seeds of Prevention*® is that it was conceived by volunteers, and executed through donations on a shoestring budget with the help of Yale Cancer Center staff. We plan to make this an annual program of Yale Cancer Center, and feel that it is adaptable for use in other states.

Gardening is a positive act that crosses economic barriers, and we hope that *The Seeds of Prevention*® will teach children that they can make choices to help themselves toward a healthy life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vince DeVita'.

Vincent T. DeVita, Jr., M.D.
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