

February 6, 2009

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

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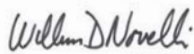
Dear Mr. President:

Our organizations strongly support your determination to achieve meaningful health care reform as soon as possible. We believe that such reform is critical to fixing our nation's economy. It is also essential to protecting America's businesses and families that increasingly find health care unaffordable.

Towards our common purpose, we urge you to include adequate resources for health care reform prominently in your budget submission. Your budget submission will probably be seen as the clearest indication of your reaffirmed commitment to get health care reform adopted this year.

As we learned from past health reform debates, timeliness is very important in achieving legislative success. Your budget submission's emphasis on enacting health reform this year will play a key role in the success of our mutual efforts. We, therefore, urge you to include health care reform prominently in the budget document so that we begin the process successfully.

Very respectfully yours,



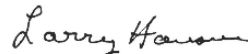
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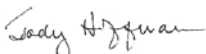
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