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Dear Dr. Koop:

I read your keynote address given at the Ninth Annual Appalachian Child Development and Health Symposium on May 20, 1981, in Marietta, Ohio. Your remarks show compassion for and insight into children and the family. Most impressive was your statement, "... we must orient ourselves more toward strengthening the family so that it remains unified, stays together emotionally if not geographically, and draws upon its own resources -- which are deep, as deep and as mysterious as the human being itself is -- and uses those resources to cope with the stresses of modern living."

In my opinion your remarks denote that you are a leader, one who thinks of others. You have an understanding and present a logical path to follow in dealing with these concerns. Your compassion is not blinded by emotion. The Administration can be proud of your able representation before the public.

If your travels bring you to Seattle, I would like to shake your hand.

Sincerely,

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