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Dear Dr. Koop:

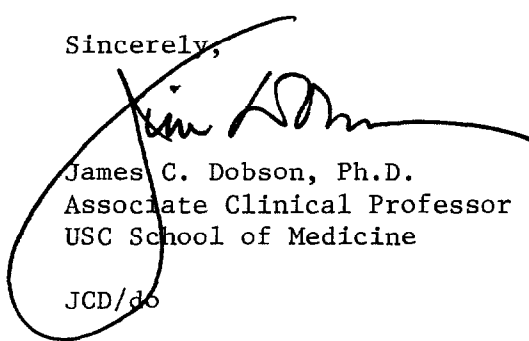
I had the privilege of being in the conference room the day you spoke to members of the Family Research Group this past September. Unfortunately, I had to slip out early and didn't get to meet you personally. You might recall, however, that I asked what you expected from your confirmation hearings and what we could do to support you.

My purpose in writing today is merely one of encouragement and prayerful support. I know you have been the target of a vicious attack this past year, and am deeply appreciative of your willingness to take this abuse on behalf of those who agree with your moral stance. I certainly count myself in that number of professionals who stand with you on the abortion issue and other matters of right and wrong.

It would be a pleasure to meet you during an upcoming visit to Washington. As you may know, I have asked to see the President, but instead have been invited to meet with some White House staff members. This may occur in February. If so, perhaps we could share a cup of coffee then.

God bless you, and don't hesitate to call me if I can be of help.

Sincerely,



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