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Comments:

We are also mailing ~~a~~ this letter.  
 Would like it brought to Mrs. Clinton's  
 attention.

If there are any problems or questions,  
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Thank you.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton  
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Dear Mrs. Clinton,

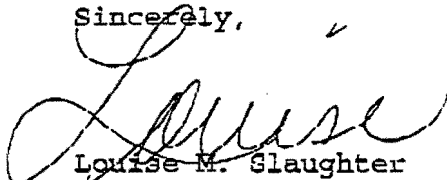
Thank you for your letter of September 1, in response to my concerns about protecting the innovative and effective health care system in place in my district of Rochester, New York.

While I share your expectations that the reform plan that will eventually be adopted will help to control spiralling costs and maintain quality, I am less certain that the plan, at least in its early stages, will match the performance of Rochester's system, which has been in place for several decades. Because of this, my priority must be to gain assurance that a community with an effective program already in place will be able to opt out of the national program -- as long as it meets or exceeds the standards set by the national plan.

Rochester's health care system, based on voluntary cooperation among medical professionals, health insurance providers and major corporate employers, has made impressive progress in implementing many of the features of a national reform plan, including community rated premiums, regional health planning, global budgeting, limits on payments to physicians, and stringent capital planning. If we are to achieve meaningful reform, we must find a way to protect the successful programs that already exist. This is being done at the state level, but we must provide the same assurances for regions and communities, such as Rochester.

I am hopeful that a solution to this question can be found,  
in order that I can support the final national health care plan.

Sincerely,



Louise M. Slaughter  
Member of Congress