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Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton Task Force on National Health Care Reform The White House Washington, D. C 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

We appreciate your recent visits to the Hill and willingness to consider the views of those of us on the Republican side. We also appreciate your invitation to our participation in the health reform effort you are chairing.

Since most of the groundwork in developing the health care reform proposal is being undertaken in subgroups, we are prepared to assign appropriate people to participate in those subgroup deliberations. We would thus appreciate knowing the Chairs, subject matter, and staffing of each of the subgroups as well as how we can facilitate our participation into this process.

We would also appreciate knowing of the action plan for the task force itself, when it will be meeting and the kinds of decisions it will be making.

We on the Republican side are strongly committed to achieving increased access to health care as well as cost containment. We stand willing to work with you in the development of a commonsense reform plan that achieves these ends while at the same time preserving the many positive aspects of our present health care system.

We look forward to your early response.

Sincerely,

Bob Dole

Senate Republican Leader

Bob Michel

House Republican Leader

Dear Congressman Michel:

Thank you for your and Senate Republican Leader Dole's kind words of appreciation about the importance the President has placed on the need to work in a bipartisan fashion on health care reform. We want the Republican Leadership, Members, and staff to be actively and regularly consulted as the policy teams develop their recommendations.

As you may know, the policy development work groups are broken out into several different subject areas. The overall effort is being coordinated by the President's Senior Adviser for Policy Development, Ira Magaziner. As Chris Jennings has already relayed to you through your staff, I believe that the best way to structure and assure your involvement is to put in place a two-tiered approach that affords you and your Members both an overview of the working groups' progress and the ability to make ground-level contributions.

First, we should schedule weekly meetings between Ira Magaziner and Republican Members and/or staff. As I understand it, the House and the Senate have requested separate meetings, and we are trying to schedule the first of these meetings later this week.

Secondly, I am enclosing a list of all the working groups, and would like your colleagues and their staff to indicate the areas of greatest concern to them, and the areas where they could best provide ideas and expertise to our teams. As often as once a week, we will schedule the leaders of one of the working groups for a meeting with you and the Members (and/or staff) of your Health Task Force to discuss the work group's progress and to respond to any questions or concerns.

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I hope these suggestions for Republican Member and staff involvement meet with your approval. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. I look forward to seeing and working with you again.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Robert H. Michel Republican Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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March 8, 1993

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March 8, 1993

Dear Congressman Hastert:

I look forward to working with you in the coming months on health care reform. As I know you will agree, we have much to do.

For your information, I am enclosing a letter I sent to Republican Leader Michel in response to his request for more structured involvement in the Administration's work on health reform. I hope you will find the proposal for integrating Republican Members and staff into the process to be a constructive approach.

It was good meeting you. You were very kind and helpful during our discussion. Again, I look forward to working with you and your staff member, Tandi Thomas, to achieve our mutual goal of health care reform.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Dennis Hastert U. S. House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton Chair, National Task Force on Health Care Reform Office of the First Lady Old Executive Office Building, Room 100 Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Clinton:

It was a pleasure to meet with you last week to discuss health care reform. I found our conversation to be productive, and I wish you the best of luck in your role as Chair of the National Task Force on Health Care Reform.

I am writing to invite you to address the Senate Republican Task Force on Health Care at our health care reform conference in Annapolis on February 26. I have enclosed a tentative agenda of our conference for your information. Also attached is the list of Senators who are participating in the conference. The ideal time for you to speak would be the lunch hour, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Of course, we will do our best to accommodate your schedule.

We are eager to learn about your work in leading the President's National Task Force on Health Care Reform, and your particular concerns as the coordinator of the reform effort. This forum also would give you the opportunity to hear the reflections of members of the Senate Republican Task Force on Health Care, who have a continuing commitment to achieving health care reform.

Thank you for your kind attention to my request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best personal regards,

John H. Chafee /) United States Senator

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