

AMERICA'S HEALTH CARE CRISIS THE FACTS

Opponents of reform say there's no crisis, but they're wrong.

- **Your benefits are at risk.** 81 million Americans have "pre-existing conditions" that insurers can use to raise rates or deny coverage. 3 out of 4 insurance policies have lifetime limits that cut off benefits when you need them most.
- **Even if you have good insurance today, you can lose it tomorrow.** 58 million Americans are without insurance at some point during the year. And 2 million Americans a month lose their insurance.
- **You're paying more each year.** What American families pay for health insurance has risen 55% in just 3 years.
- **Your choices are declining.** In 1988, nearly 9 out of 10 employers offered health plans that let employees choose any doctor in their community. In 1993, however, only 6 out of 10 employers offered this option to their employees.
- **And you are losing wages.** Without reform, by the year 2000, American workers will lose almost \$600 in wages each year just to keep their health benefits.

HEALTH REFORM: THE PRESIDENT'S APPROACH

Here's how health reform works:

- **Guaranteed private insurance.** We want to guarantee every American comprehensive coverage that can never be taken away.
- **Choice.** We want everyone to have the right to choose their own doctor and their own health plan. We want to make sure you get high-quality care by giving you the choice, not your boss or insurance company.
- **Outlaw unfair insurance practices.** We'll make it illegal for insurance companies to jack up your rates if you get sick; charge older people more; or take away your benefits. That's how you'll get affordable insurance you can depend on.
- **Preserve Medicare.** We'll strengthen Medicare, and protect older Americans' choice of doctor. We also want to cover prescription drugs under Medicare, and give new options for long-term care in the home and community.
- **Health benefits guaranteed at work.** Every job should come with health benefits. Most jobs do today. And yet 8 out of 10 Americans who have no insurance are in working families. We want everyone to have health benefits guaranteed at work. The government will provide discounts for small businesses and the unemployed.

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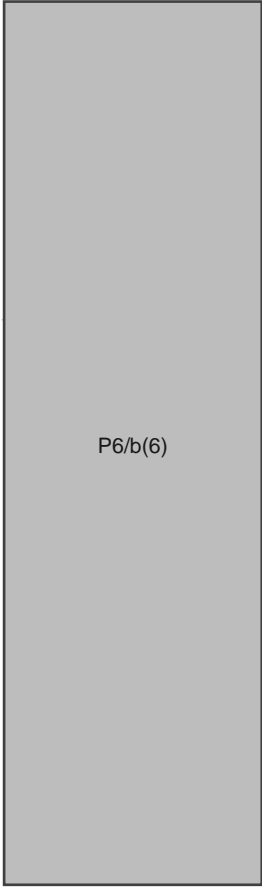
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Meeting with Ms. Carol Rasco
May 5, 1994

2:00 p.m. Old Executive Office Building -472

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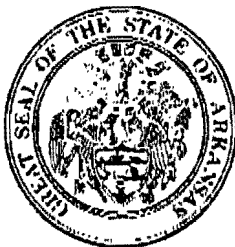
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THE SENATE
STATE OF ARKANSAS

March 11, 1994

Ms. Carol Rasco
Assistant to the President
for Domestic Policy
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Rasco: *CAROL*

The Science Information Liaison Office's (SILO) Advisory Council will be meeting in Washington on May 5th and the morning of the May 6th. We would like to request a meeting with you or a representative from your office to address our members on health care reform. Would it be possible for you to arrange the meeting in the Old Executive Office Building?

Our members have shown a keen interest in the health care reforms presented by President Clinton, and they would appreciate receiving an update on its progress. Attached, please find a listing of the SILO Advisory Council. As you will recall from your days in Arkansas, this group has a wide range of interests and is very important to our state.

We are also attempting to arrange for presentations from Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders and a National Science Foundation representative. Also, on the evening of May 5th we are planning a reception to entertain Arkansans living in Washington.

Carol, thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please contact me at your earliest convenience by telephone at (501) 682-1937 or by fax at (501) 682-3479.

Sincerely,

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