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Letter to Members of Congress on Health Care Reform

July 1, 1994

Dear _____*:*

As you leave to celebrate the Fourth of July after weeks of hard work, I wanted to point out what a remarkable week this has been on health care. When Congress returns after the recess, you will have the opportunity to vote to provide guaranteed health coverage to every American.

The Committees have been hard at work, and for the first time ever bills guaranteeing universal coverage will be ready to go to the floor. We can make history in the month ahead if we listen to the American people.

Look at the events of this week—

- A *Washington Post*/ABC poll reports that 78% of Americans support universal coverage; 72% support employer responsibility; and 75% support cost containment. The public knows what the health care debate is about.
- The deans of over 70 of our most prestigious medical schools announced their support for universal coverage.
- The Small Business Coalition for Health Care Reform, which supports universal coverage and employer responsibility, announced they have over 625,000 small business members, making it the largest small business coalition in the country, with more members than the National Federation of Independent Business.
- More than 100 big businesses, including 28 of the Fortune 100, have announced their support for universal coverage and employer responsibility.
- The American Medical Association, in a full page newspaper ad, added its voice to that of other physician groups, nurses and other providers urging Congress to pass universal coverage and employer responsibility.
- *The Wall Street Journal* on June 27 reported that the percentage of adults who work but have no public or private health insurance has risen to 17.5% in 1992 from 15.3% in 1988.

We will have the opportunity to give the American people what they need and want, and to give the American economy what it needs—guaranteed private insurance for every American.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Members of the 103d Congress.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 25

In the afternoon, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton traveled to Camp David, MD.

June 26

In the evening, the President and Hillary and Chelsea Clinton returned from Camp David, MD.

June 27

In the late afternoon, the President traveled to New York City where he attended a Democratic National Committee Presidential Dinner at the St. Regis Hotel. He returned to Washington, DC, in the evening.

June 28

The White House announced that a Presidential delegation will travel to Vietnam on July 1 to 4, and to Laos on July 4 to 5, to press for further progress from Vietnam on unresolved POW/MIA issues.

June 29

The Presidential announced his intention to nominate Elizabeth Anne Moler to serve as Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Harvey G. Ryland to be Deputy Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.