

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Honorable Gary A. Condit
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

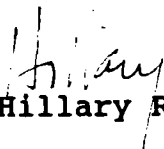
Dear Congressman Condit:

Thank you for your letter about undocumented aliens under the Health Security Act.

Under the Act, employers will be required to make premium contributions only on behalf of employees as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. The Health Security Act will not change current immigration law prohibiting employers from hiring undocumented workers. Employers and others will continue to provide the information required under current law to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional concerns. I look forward to working with you in the coming months as Congress considers the Health Security Act.

Sincerely,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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The First Lady
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Dear Ms. Rodham-Clinton:

As Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Information, Justice, Transportation and Agriculture, I am writing to you for clarification of provisions of the President's health care reform proposal that would affect immigration and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

Page 16 of the working draft states:

"Undocumented persons are not eligible for guaranteed health benefits. However, employers are required to pay health insurance premiums for all of their employees, regardless of immigration status. Alliances do not share information related to health insurance premiums paid by employers with the Immigration and Naturalization Service."

As you know, current law stipulates that employers that hire undocumented residents are subject to sanctions by the federal government. Does the health plan contemplate that if an employer hires an undocumented worker in violation of federal law, the employer must nevertheless provide health insurance? If that is the case, does the proposed health plan indirectly sanction violations of federal immigration law which prohibit the employment of undocumented workers? If an alliance or an employee of an alliance provided information on violations of federal immigration law to the INS, would the INS be allowed to take action against employers and/or employees? Would there be any sanctions against persons who supply information related to health insurance premiums paid by employers to the INS and/or law enforcement agencies?

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and I look forward to a response in the very near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. A. Condit", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gary A. Condit
Chairman