

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Ms. Handschuh:

Congressman David Mann forwarded your letter to me. Thank you for writing to share your experiences and support.

For too long, those people who need health insurance the most have been unable to buy it. As you know so well, many Americans are prevented from purchasing insurance because they have a so-called "preexisting condition." Those able to obtain insurance at all are often forced to pay the highest rates.

The President's proposal for health care reform will guarantee every American private health insurance that can never be taken away. It will be illegal for an insurance company to drop coverage or cut benefits, charge higher premiums based on health condition, or apply lifetime limits on coverage.

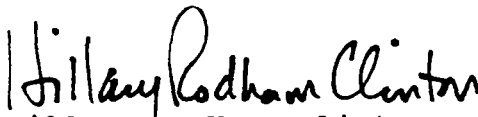
The President's plan will also make health care affordable for American families. No longer will people be forced to "spend down" in order to qualify for Medicaid. Under the President's plan, individuals with incomes below a certain

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level -- whether they are working or unemployed -- will be eligible for subsidies to help pay for coverage. We estimate that families with limited incomes will spend only one to two percent of their income on health insurance premiums if they choose the average cost plan in their area.

Thank you again for writing. Your independent spirit and tremendous perseverance are evident from your letter. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

cc: The Honorable David Mann