

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Mr. Alpert:

Thank you for writing to me about Mr. and Mrs. Lake. As I travel around the country I hear many too many stories like theirs, and each one reminds of the desperate need for real health care reform.

For too long, those people who need health insurance the most have been unable to buy it. Many hard working, middle-class Americans, like the Lakes, are prevented from purchasing insurance because they have -- or someone in their family has -- a so-called "preexisting condition." Those able to obtain insurance at all are often forced to pay the highest rates.

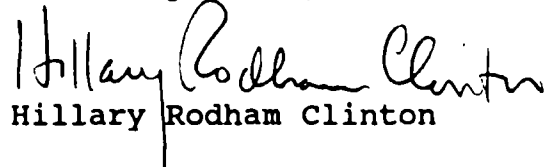
The President's proposal for health care reform will guarantee every American private health insurance that can never be taken away. It will be illegal for an

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insurance company to drop coverage or cut benefits, charge higher premiums based on health condition, or apply lifetime limits on coverage. This will make it possible for all Americans to obtain affordable and dependable insurance.

Thank you again for writing and for sharing your support for health care reform. My thoughts and prayers are with the Lakes.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton

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