

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Charles S. Robb
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Robb:

Thank you for forwarding the letter from your constituent, Ida S. Chubb, regarding retiree health care programs.

Rising health care costs have been a growing problem for both retirees and their former employers. Under the Health Security Act proposed by the President, individuals who retire early will no longer have to live in fear of losing their health benefits. Retired people between the ages of 55 and 65 who have worked for at least ten years will receive financial assistance from the federal government to cover the employer's share of their premium, leaving those retirees, like working Americans, responsible for 20% of the premium for an average cost plan.

I look forward to working with you in the coming weeks as Congress considers the Health Security Act.

Sincerely yours,



Hillary Rodham Clinton

cc: Ida S. Chubb