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David B. Cotton, M.D.
Professor, Chairman and Chief

March 22, 1995

*The Honorable Nancy Landon Kassenbaum
302 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510*

Dear Senator Kassenbaum:

I have read and viewed on television, with much pain, the challenges that have been thrust upon my friend and colleague, Dr. Henry Foster, upon his nomination to be Surgeon General of the United States.

Dr. Foster and I were in training together at Detroit Receiving Hospital in the late 1950's and we have maintained a professional and social relationship since that time. He is, without a doubt, one of the finest nominees that could be found for this position in the entire United States. His career is exemplary in every way.

I would be honored and pleased to speak on his behalf at his Senate Confirmation Hearing. I request that you consider this to be testimony for the Committee Record.

Sincerely,

William M. Chavis, M.D.
Assistant Professor,
Wayne State University
Director, Center for Sexual Health
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Walter T. Bowers II, M.D.
Incorporated
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March 24, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Chairperson, Senate Labor & Human Resources Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

RE: Nomination of Dr. Henry W. Foster, Jr.

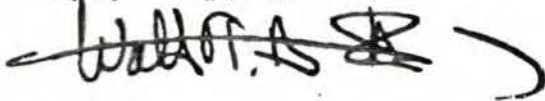
Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I wish ~~me~~ to offer my wholehearted support and request your support of the nomination of Dr. Henry W. Foster to the office of the U.S. Surgeon General. Dr. Foster has had a profound effect on the direction of my life and vocation. As a student at Tuskegee Institute, 1963 through 1967, Dr. Foster was engaged in the practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He served as a role model and increased my interest in this field of medical activity. He has an outstanding reputation and has done much in furthering the healthcare of women in these United States. I understand fully the political process and the dichotomy of positions which are presented to you as it relates to Dr. Foster's nomination.

It is requested that you lend the full weight and power of your office to support this nomination. It has been a pleasure to correspond with you and I wish you well in your deliberations.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter T. Bowers II", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Walter T. Bowers, II, M.D.
WTB/jab

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March 24, 1995

The Honorable Nancy Kassebaum, Chair
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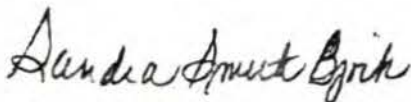
Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Dr. Henry W. Foster for Surgeon General.

I was associated with Dr. Foster both as a colleague and as a patient during my early nursing career in Tuskegee, Alabama. As a patient, I knew him to be a compassionate and caring physician. As a colleague, I observed Dr. Foster make health care and health education a priority for rural women and children who often endured difficult circumstances. I understand that he has continued this tradition in all aspects of his work in Nashville.

It is my belief that our country would benefit greatly from the influence of such compassion and commitment. I strongly urge your committee to recommend the confirmation of Dr. Henry Foster as Surgeon General.

Sincerely,



Sandra Smith Bjork, R.N., J.D.

TERRY L. COLE, M.D.
ANTOINE T. HANNA, M.D.
ANNE CHEZAR-GARNETT, C.N.M.
Certified Nurse Midwife
WENDY STEIGER, C.N.M.
Certified Nurse Midwife

March 23, 1995

June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear June:

I graduated from Meharry Medical College, the class of 1974. Dr. Foster was chairman of OB/GYN. I spent considerable time learning OB/GYN from him. In fact, I am now an OB/GYN in Ventura, California, where I have been practicing for 17 years.

I offer a unique perspective to Dr. Foster. He had a tremendous influence on my desire to be an OB/GYN. He taught me while at Meharry, and at our rotation at Tuskegee Institute. His bedside manner was gentle, his surgical technique impeccable, his empathy for these young women having their babies exemplary. I would say it was he who had the most profound influence on me to go into Obstetrics.

I offer, also, a unique perspective as I was one of about eight caucasian students in a class of about 90 Blacks. I was the minority. And yet, I couldn't have felt more comfortable, mainly because of the efforts of men like Dr. Foster.

As for the abortion issue, I would only state that he was training me right about the time Roe vs. Wade was in front of the Supreme Court. I am sure he often saw, as I did, the results of women taking medical care into their own hands, when abortion was illegal. They would self instrument with unsterile things, and show up septic, and very ill in the emergency room. They would often be left permanently infertile, and some would even die.

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March 22, 1995

June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
U. S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General and I urge the Committee to support him.

I have known Dr. Foster for over 12 years. He was my professor while I was in medical school and I have only high praise for Dr. Foster as a professor, physician and human being. His integrity is unquestionable.

Sincerely,


Joseph N. Muok, M.D.

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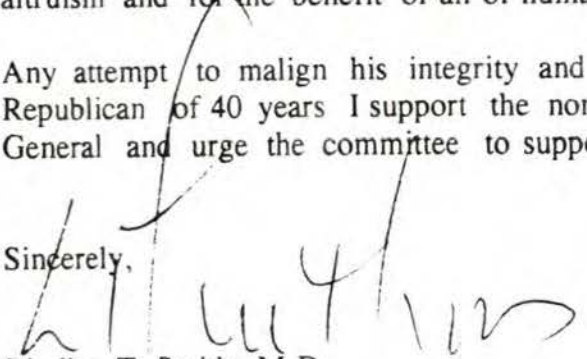
RE: Henry Foster, M.D.

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

I have known Dr. Henry Foster for the past 35 years. My first encounter with him was at Meharry Medical College at which time he was a resident and I was a medical student. I found Dr. Foster to be congenial, honest, highly competent and extremely credible. His motives in every aspect of his medical career have been one of complete altruism and for the benefit of all of humanity.

Any attempt to malign his integrity and credibility is extremely repugnant and as a Republican of 40 years I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General and urge the committee to support him.

Sincerely,


Lindley T. Smith, M.D.

LTS/leh

March 20, 1995

732 Jessica Taylor Drive
Madison, Tennessee 37115

Dear Sir,

I am writing to give my support to Dr. Henry Foster in his confirmation hearing for Surgeon General of the United States. I have been a patient of Dr. Foster's for 15 years and I have always had the utmost respect for him. He is a soft-spoken, charismatic individual who always treats his ~~patients~~ ^{patients} with the same respect. He was always honest and sincere with his medical recommendations and advice.

What has touched me most about Dr. Foster is his dedication to his profession and his service to the community. He is totally committed to his work at Meharry. Perhaps you don't know much about Meharry Medical College and Meharry Hubbard Hospital. Meharry Medical College produces top-notch doctors that leave Meharry for better paying jobs at ~~prestigious~~ ^{prestigious} hospitals. Unfortunately, this is because the Hospital has received so much negative publicity and has earned a bad reputation.

Meharry Hubbard Hospital caters to the lower class Black community -- particularly the poor, underprivileged and elderly citizens. These people cannot afford the expensive services of the other hospitals in the area. Most even African Americans won't use Meharry Hubbard Hospital if they can afford to go elsewhere. I must admit, even I prefer to use another hospital. The ONLY reason I use Meharry Hubbard Hospital is because of Dr. Foster.

The average patient at the hospital is uneducated, unemployed and living on welfare or social security benefits. Many doctors with the experience and credentials of Dr. Foster would not want to work in such an environment. Yet, Dr. Foster is dedicated to providing high-class services to these individuals, even though it means he may not always get paid.

There has been negative publicity focused on Dr. Foster because he has performed abortions. I don't understand the problem because abortion is NOT against the law! A woman has the right to choose whether or not she wants to have an abortion. To Dr. Foster it was a medical decision and he was not breaking the law by providing that service to his patient. Perhaps you don't know that in this community, probably 2 out of 3 of Dr. Foster's patients are unwed teens, welfare mothers, or mentally ill women. There is no telling how many of these women have come to Dr. Foster to request an abortion. In the few cases where he has performed the abortion I know his decision was solely based on what was best for that patient.

We need to focus on Dr. Foster's positive accomplishments and his real credentials. He has served as President of Meharry Medical College and Meharry Hubbard Hospital and he is a member of the American Medical Association. He has headed and served on

major research teams. He created a local program called "I Have A Future" which teaches teenagers about safe sex (don't bury your head in the sand -- we KNOW teenagers are having sex). Dr. Foster has been and will continue to be a positive role model for the African American community.

I don't think the real issue is abortion or whether Dr. Foster is qualified to be Surgeon General. It seems that Dr. Foster is unfortunately caught in the cross-fire of a political debate. The issue seems to be 'us against them'. The Republican party appears to be gathering ammunition to overthrow President Clinton and the Democratic party. It seems to be 'we the Democrats' and 'we the Republicans'. What happened to 'we the people'? Can't we all just get along?

Please don't fight against Dr. Foster's confirmation just to score a point against 'the other team'. I know Dr. Foster would serve the nation well as Surgeon General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "LaNita A. Bonds".

LaNita A. Bonds

3812 Crouch Drive
Nashville, TN 37207
March 23, 1995

To the Chairman and Members of the Committee on
Labor and Human Resources;

I, Foster B. Shockley Jr., proudly and humbly submit the following testimony in behalf of Dr. Henry Foster, United States Surgeon General nominee--

It has always been a source of profound pleasure for me to have an opportunity to candidly speak in a complimentary manner of another individual. In the case of Dr. Foster, this is particularly true.

As a personal friend, I have known this person for many years and have never heard nor seen anything of a reproachful nature concerning him. He is a person well-liked by the community as a whole. His demeanor is one which reflects aplomb, diplomacy, discretion and high moral character in the workplace as well as in his social milieu.

Contrary to the image being depicted of Dr. Foster based on abortions which he supposedly has performed, I know him to be a warm, kind and compassionate gentleman who has demonstrated a genuine concern for human life, including the least of these.

In addition to his outstanding personal qualities, he is a dedicated, hard working, skilled physician who strives to do his best for his patients. How do I know this? My wife told me. He has been her doctor for ten years and has nothing but commendable things to say about him.

My brother, Dr. Thomas E. Shockley, Sr., and his wife, Dr. Delores Shockley, have known and worked with Dr. Foster the entire time he has been at Meharry Medical College. I have asked them both their assessment of Dr. Foster as a person and physician. Their response was always extremely positive. My relationship with Dr. Foster has been one of a personal nature where we shared a mutual interest in aviation.

The several revolutions over the past 30 years have tended to cause us to be less tolerant of each other. As a result, our freedoms have been strained and placed in jeopardy. We must not forget that our Country differentiates itself from the other nations of the world by the freedoms enjoyed by our citizens that are not enjoyed by those in other countries. When we attempt to deny the freedom of some, the freedom of everyone suffers.

This Committee is now deliberating the confirmation or rejection of Dr. Henry Foster as Surgeon General of the United States. Will your decision be based on personal values and that which is politically expedient, or will it be based on his qualifications and desire to serve his country as Surgeon General?

How much longer can America remain a great Nation under its Constitution if we are unwilling to utilize our most capable and talented citizens? Dr. Foster has not been found guilty of any criminal behavior. He is obviously qualified to assume this post. Why then must we let our religious or personal feelings cause us to reject someone who simply differs with us on something as personal as an abortion? The Supreme Court in Roe vs Wade has declared that abortion is legal. Is your problem, if any, with Dr. Foster or the Constitution which is being upheld by the Court?

It is my fervent hope, and that of many other Americans, that as you consider Dr. Foster's confirmation you will do so with the best interest of America in mind, and not based on what you as an individual think is right or wrong for another individual.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to present this testimony. I hope it will cause you to cogitate on this serious matter.

Respectfully yours,

Foster B. Shockley, Jr.

Foster B. Shockley Jr.
(Retired School Principal)

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March 21, 1995

June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear June:

I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General
and urge the committee to support him.

Sincerely,

Judy L. Banks, M.D.

JLB/mc

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INTERNAL MEDICINE

March 21, 1995

Ms. June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

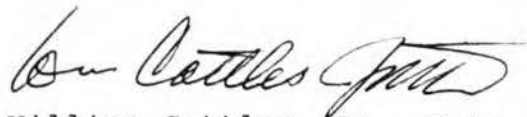
This letter is in support for Dr. Henry Foster for U S Surgeon General.

I first met Dr. Foster in Mobile, Alabama in 1959 in basic training in the U S Air Force. During that time I knew him to be friendly, personable individual with integrity. He was found to be an honest, straight forward individual.

After he left the Air Force, I heard that Dr. Foster had settled in Tuskegee and launched a career in Obstetric-Gynecology specialty. Later, I was both surprised and elated that Dr. Foster had left Tuskegee to go to Meharry Medical College to teach in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

As a graduate of Meharry, I have been able to hear of and follow his career at Meharry. I was again both surprised and elated to hear that Dr. Foster had been nominated by President Clinton to be the next U S Surgeon General. I am sure that he has the integrity, honesty, moral and scholastic qualifications to be Surgeon General. And, I am sure that those Americans who believe in individual's rights and moral judgment will have a change to be proud that this American served as U S Surgeon General.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Cottles Jr.", written in dark ink.

William Cottles, Jr., M.D.

Beatrice R. Kahn
400 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10025

March 22, 1995

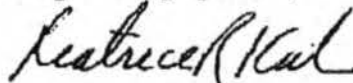
Senator Nancy Kassebaum,
Chair, Labor & Human Resources Committee
U.S. Senate
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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am writing to urge you to support the confirmation of Dr. Henry Foster as U.S. Surgeon General. He has distinguished himself as a full service provider of obstetrics and gynecology, a driving force in the prevention of teen pregnancy and a leader in the field of public health. For these reasons, anti-choice and other religious right organizations have targeted his nomination for defeat. If they succeed in blocking his confirmation, it will be a devastating loss for our community. In addition, it will stigmatize doctors who perform abortions. For the sake of these brave providers -- and the many women who rely on their commitment to choice -- please do not let the religious right minority dictate the voice of our nation. Please support the nomination of Dr. Foster and vote to confirm him as U.S. Surgeon General.

Very truly yours,



Beatrice R. Kahn

Duke University Medical Center

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March 23, 1995

The Honorable Nancy Kassebaum
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
428 Dirksen Building
United States Senate
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Attn: June Lawrence
Staff Assistant

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

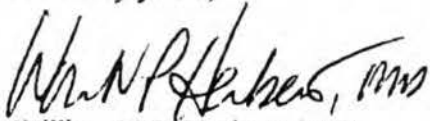
I am writing in support of the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster to the position of Surgeon General. I have known Dr. Foster for 12-15 years and know him to be an outstanding physician with unquestionable integrity. He has long been an advocate not only for women's health, but also the public's health.

It would be a shame for his nomination to stumble because of inappropriate actions by self-centered, special interest groups.

I hope you will join me in supporting his nomination, as it is clear that he would be an outstanding candidate for this responsible position.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,



William N.P. Herbert, M.D.
Professor and Director
Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 10, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I cannot think of a better person than Dr. Henry Foster, Jr. for the next Surgeon General of the United States. His keen intellect, commitment to service through medicine and education, attention to detail, hard work, integrity, understanding of human nature, and perhaps most of all, his ability to put things into perspective, have served him well in the past and will continue to be the assets that will enable him to meet future challenges.

If I can assist you in any way, I hope you will feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,


Russell L. Miller, M.D.
President

RLM:ji



Robert J. Smith, M.D.

GENERAL SURGERY
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March 18, 1995

It is with great pride and pleasure I will present to our Honoree tonight our Distinguished Service Award.

Much has been said and written about our Honoree but my information goes farther back than the stories in USA Today or the Wall Street Journal.

You, Henry W. Foster, better known by family and friends in Pine Bluff as Brother, have traveled a long way from Pine Bluff, Arkansas. En route you made a significant stop and married the lovely Claire Anderson and you have two children.

After leaving the Laboratory School in Pine Bluff at AM & N college you followed the trail of many Black leaders which lead you to the House, Morehouse College.

Upon completion of your training at Morehouse you entered the University of Arkansas Medical School, graduating as a Honor Student. After serving in the U.S. Air Force and some training in Massachusetts you came to Meharry Medical College. Perhaps your coming from a family of Black educators sensitized you to the needs and opportunities offered by Historically Black Colleges.



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When we served as Chief Residents at Meharry I had a close opportunity to observe your keen interest in patient care and high academic standards. You imparted this to the students and residents that you taught.

Your genuine commitment to care for those in need and the underserved carried you to Tuskegee, Alabama, where you served at the John Andrew Hospital and developed a program for Maternal and Infant Welfare.

I personally know of the call and commitment which brought you back to Meharry in 1973 to become Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology rising to the rank of Full Professor.

During your time at Meharry you have served as Dean of the Medical School and Acting President. At present you are a Scholar in Residence in Washington, D.C.

Most of all, you are still a caring, intelligent, physician who thinks first of the patient's welfare. Next you are an outstanding scholar and teacher.

For these reasons we chose you this year as our Distinguished Award Recipient.



Robert J. Smith, M.D.

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May God continue to bless you with health and strength to carry
on the work that you are in.

We of the Bluff City Medical Society Salute you.

Robert J. Smith, M.D.
President
Bluff City Medical Society
Memphis, Tn



March 23, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
ATTN: June Lawrence, Staff Assistant
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RE: Nomination of Dr. Henry Foster as Surgeon General

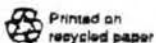
Dear Senator Kassebaum,

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Dr. Henry Foster since March 14, 1991, when we were both appointed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to serve on the National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council (NICHD) from March 14, 1991 to February 1, 1995. We were chosen as outstanding leaders in the country to oversee the prioritization and funding of research destined for mothers and children from the NICHD.

Dr. Foster is an exceptionally well-trained obstetrician/gynecologist and respected teacher and advocate for women and children. I have been able to observe his advocacy for all matters concerning women and children, and find him to be extremely articulate, ethical, and in tremendous command of facts and figures to back up his advocacy.

At no time have I ever seen Dr. Foster be anything but a gentleman and a scholar, and an outstanding spokesperson for his profession of obstetrics and gynecology. His whole life has been dedicated to presenting adolescent females and males with the opportunity to make reasoned, long-term decisions with their lives, with realistic expectations of their sexuality. He has presented the most reasonable alternative to unintended pregnancies that I have been privileged to see. He has always said that he prefers to give these young people options, so that they will never have to face the decision of abortion.

From my experience with Dr. Foster, and I am comparing him to other Surgeon Generals that I have know personally (such as Julius Richmond, M.D. and Dr. Koop), I find him well-qualified, well-principled, articulate, sensible, and a great credit to



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RE: Nomination of Dr. Henry Foster as Surgeon General

the medical profession. I would strongly urge you to confirm him as the next Surgeon General of the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. M. Narkewicz", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Richard M. Narkewicz, M.D., F.A.A.P.
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21 March 1995

Ms. June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: HENRY FOSTER, M.D.
Nominee, US Surgeon General

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

I wish it to be known that I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster as United States Surgeon General and, hereby, urge the committee to support him also.

I was associated with Dr. Foster when we were in training at the Meharry Medical College (Nashville, Tennessee) and have known him for more than thirty years. I know him as a reasonable man with integrity and elegant scholastic excellence. He is a clear thinker and acts with deliberation with great concern for his patients, confreres and community.

From the information I've reviewed in the media, it appears that difficulties that have been imposed on him seem to be deliberately and purely political.

I am impressed that Dr. Foster will execute the duties of Surgeon General with alacrity and sagacity.

Please support Dr. Henry Foster. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

P.N. AVERY, M.D.
Immediate Past President
American Society of Abdominal Surgeons

PNA/dkr

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February 10, 1995

Dr. Henry W. Foster, Jr.
Senior Scholar In Residence of
Academic Health Centers
1400 6th Street, N.W.
Suite 410
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Hank:

Congratulations on your nomination for Surgeon General of the United States by President William Clinton. As one of your former medical students; I have followed your career as you progressed from Instructor, Professor, Chairman of Ob-Gyn, Dean of my Alma Mater and Acting President. You would be an excellent Surgeon General.

I will be pulling for you to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate. I have already contacted Senator Sam Nunn's Office and Senator Paul Coverdell's Office. Both Senators have been informed of your impeccable credentials and qualifications. I have asked them to support your confirmation.

You did a masterful job on the Ted Koppel show. Keep up the fight. Wishing you the best. May the good Lord bless and keep you.

Sincerely,


Booker Poe

BP/ofc

girls
inc.

Growing up is
serious business

MARCH 23, 1995

SENATOR NANCY KASSEBAUM
THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF
PUBLIC LIAISON
WASHINGTON, DC

DEAR SENATOR KASSEBAUM:

I WOULD FORMALLY LIKE TO CONGRATULATE DR. HENRY FOSTER, JR.
I, AS WELL AS HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS, PEERS, AND ALL AMERICANS
OF ANY COLOR SPECTRUM, MUST COMMEND HIM ON HIS NOMINATION BY
PRESIDENT CLINTON AS SURGEON GENERAL OF OUR NATION.

I AM AS PROUD AS A PEACOCK TO BE ABLE TO SAY TO ANYONE THAT I
KNOW DR. FOSTER AND BEST OF ALL HE IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF
MINE. I WORKED FOR DR. FOSTER FROM 1984 TO 1986 AT MEHARRY
MEDICAL GROUP, WHERE HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF
HIS MEDICAL PRACTICE GROUP. SIMULTANEOUSLY, HE SERVED AS
CHAIRMAN AND PROFESSOR OF MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE'S
DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY. THOSE POSITIONS,
COUPLED WITH THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS IN
WHICH HE WAS INVOLVED WERE VERY TIME CONSUMING. DR. FOSTER,
HOWEVER, WAS NEVER TOO BUSY TO STOP AND INQUIRE ABOUT ANY ONE
ELSE'S WELL-BEING, OR TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS OF THE
STAFF OF MEHARRY MEDICAL GROUP. HE NEVER LEFT ANY JOB
'UNDONE'! HIS ETHICS AND MORAL VALUES WERE EXEMPLARY! AS A
COMPLIMENTARY GESTURE, THE STAFF DUBBED HIM "DR. HUXTABLE".

DR. FOSTER'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE RENOWNED. AS I STATED, I AM
QUITE PROUD OF HIM. HE IS INDEED, ONE OF MY GREATEST
MENTORS AND HAS MY RESOUNDING SUPPORT!

SINCERELY,

Carol J. McElroy

CAROL J. McELROY
FINANCIAL OFFICER

cc: HENRY W. FOSTER, JR., M.D.



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Obstetricians and
Gynecologists

Office of President

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March 23, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
428 Dirksen Building
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

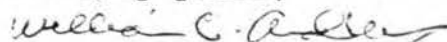
I am writing to urge your support of the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster to be Surgeon General of the United States. I have known Dr. Foster for over 15 years. He is an individual of the highest integrity with excellent balance in dealing with problems.

I believe that today the education of the American public on issues of importance is a primary function of the Surgeon General's Office. Dr. Foster is well recognized as one of the leaders in education in obstetrics and gynecology. He has been a Professor and Chairman of a department in a medical school, and is the Immediate Past President of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics. Election to this position is testimony of the high esteem in which he is held by his colleagues in academic obstetrics and gynecology. At the grass roots level, he has worked in clinics serving underserved populations.

Today, one of the major public health problems facing our country is teenage pregnancy. Dr. Foster has practical experience and has evolved a successful program which reduced this problem in his community.

I urge your support of this outstanding individual. I am sorry that there has been so much press about issues totally irrelevant to his qualifications for the position.

Sincerely yours,



William C. Andrews, M.D.

WCA/js

FRED GOLDNER, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.C.

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HYPERTENSION
AND
NEPHROLOGY

INTERNAL MEDICINE

February 9, 1995

Henry Foster, MD
1005 DB Todd Jr. Blvd.
Nashville, Tn 37208

Dear Henry:

I last saw you at the Cancer Society board meeting and you looked and sounded great then. I hope that you do not look or feel worse for the tribulations of the nomination process. Congratulation, Henry. The president made a wise choice and I know the country will profit from your wisdom and counsel.

If I can help in any way, don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,



Fred Goldner, MD

FG/nn



Wayne State University
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Curricular Affairs
Gordon H. Scott Hall
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540 East Canfield Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48201
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March 25, 1995

The Honorable Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
U. S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I believe it would be a tragedy for our society if the abortion issue was used to deny Dr. Henry Foster an opportunity to serve as the Surgeon General. As listed in the attached balance sheet he brings to the position a background of laudable service activities and prestigious recognition that indicate that he would serve in that role with distinction.

Please consider this letter and the attachment to be testimony for the committee's record.

Yours truly,

Charles F. Whitten, M.D.
Distinguished Professor of
Pediatrics Emeritus and Associate
Dean for Special Programs
Wayne State University School
of Medicine

THE HENRY FOSTER, M.D. BALANCE SHEET

WHY IT'S BELIEVED HIS NOMINATION SHOULD BE REJECTED

1. Performed abortions.
2. Inconsistent statements on the number of abortions he performed indicating dishonesty or flawed character.
3. Member of Bd of Directors of Planned Parenthood Organizations.

WHY IT'S BELIEVED HIS NOMINATION SHOULD BE APPROVED

1. Performed abortions that were legal and medically justified or personally requested with a rationale and full informed consent.
2. Committed an error in judgement by relying on his memory rather than reviewing his records before reporting on the number of abortions he had performed.
3. Served 2 years on active duty as a medical officer in the US Airforce with the rank of Captain.
4. Was the key developer of a successful and model program to reduce teen age pregnancies stressing abstinence and devoid of abortion advocacy or counseling.
5. Has had a distinguished career as a medical educator and administrator at Meharry Medical College, successively serving as Chairman of the Dept of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dean, Executive Vice President for Health Services and Acting President.
6. Is a member of the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, has served on several of its committees and was recently elected to serve a 2nd term on its governing council.
7. Served as President of the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the body that addresses undergraduate educational issues for Obstetrics and Gynecology for the 125 American and 16 Canadian medical schools.
8. Served as an examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, the body that certifies Obstetrician-Gynecologists.
9. Has had conferred an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the University of Arkansas College of Medicine.
10. Served as senior program consultant for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and directed its programs to consolidate health services for high risk young people.
11. Has been a member of the editorial board of the *Journal for Medical Education* which is now entitled *Academic Medicine* the Journal of the Association of American Medical Colleges.
12. Has been a member of the National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council of the National Institutes of Health.
13. Has served as a member of the Ethics Advisory Board for the Sec'y of H.E.W. the nations highest such ethics body.

CHARLES F. WHITTEN, MD
Distinguished Professor Pediatrics Emeritus and
Associate Dean for Special Programs
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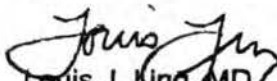
March 23, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Attn: June Lawrence, Staff Assistant
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
428 Dirksen Building
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
FAX 202-228-5044

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I understand that the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources is accepting testimony regarding Dr. Henry Foster's nomination as Surgeon General. I would like this letter entered for the record in support of Dr. Foster. We worked together on a conference supported by the Macy Foundation regarding the future of emergency care in America. I found Dr. Foster to be open-minded, caring, and level-headed. He spoke with true concern for the health care of the public and especially with insight into the problems faced by the underserved parts of our population. I had many discussions with my colleagues in emergency medicine and there was widespread agreement that Dr. Foster has the skills necessary to do an outstanding job as our country's Surgeon General. I understand that there has been resistance to Dr. Foster for his work with abortions many years ago, however, I urge you to put aside the politics of the situation and confirm Dr. Foster as an outstanding individual who can do a great service to our country by serving as Surgeon General. Please call if you have any questions on this matter at 612-347-3418.

Sincerely,


Louis J. Ling, MD
Associate Medical Director

LJL:ere

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Washington C. Hill, M.D., FACOG
Director, The Perinatal Center
of Sarasota Memorial Hospital
Specializing in Maternal/Fetal Medicine Consultation



March 8, 1995

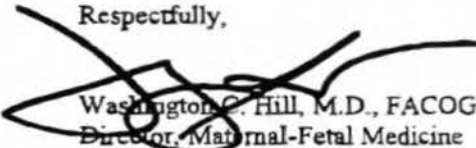
The Honorable Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Chairperson
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
SH-835 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-6300

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am a physician who knows and has worked with Dr. Henry Foster. I am writing this letter to ask that you support his nomination for Surgeon General of the United States. I have known Dr. Foster for 20 years. He is a skilled physician, teacher and administrator. Throughout his tenure at Meharry Medical College, he served as Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dean of the School of Medicine, and Interim President of the Medical College. He played prominent roles in the merger of the school's Hubbard Hospital with Nashville Metropolitan General Hospital, education of minority medical students and won national acclaim for "I Have a Future", a program to prevent teen pregnancy. Dr. Foster has shown that he is a consensus builder and able to work with many diverse groups and individuals. He has long been associated with programs to foster the prevention of teenage pregnancy, the betterment of maternal and child care and the education of minority medical students.

Dr. Foster is imminently qualified to lead our nation as Surgeon General. He should be judged on his ability, accomplishments and his career and not on other prejudices or issues. Dr. Foster comes to the Surgeon General's office with a firm foundation on improving health care for all. I ask that you support his nomination during the upcoming hearings and Senate vote.

Respectfully,


Washington C. Hill, M.D., FACOG
Director, Maternal-Fetal Medicine
Director, The Perinatal Center of
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Mailing Address: 1700 S. Tamiami Trail • Sarasota, FL 34239-3555
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Bradenton Office:
Outpatient Services Center at Manatee Memorial Hospital • 250 2nd St. E., Suite 4F • Bradenton, FL 34208-1028
Tel: 813-750-6260 • Fax: 813-750-8290

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Philadelphia, PA. 19119
March 22, 1995

June Lawrence
Committee on Labor Relations and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster
for U.S. Surgeon General and urge the
Committee to support him.

I met Dr. Foster when he was appointed
to head the Department of Obstetrics and
Gynecology at John A. Andrew Memorial
Hospital at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.
Since that time I have heard through the years
of his professional growth and contributions
to the medical field and Community. He has
always impressed me as an exceptional physician
and individual.

Very truly yours,
(Mrs.) Dorian H. Jackson
Former Asst. Professor of Art
and Art Gallery Director of the
George Washington Carver Museum,
Tuskegee University

Jeanette M. Campbell, M.D., P.C.

Neonatology - Pediatrics

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The Honorable Sen. Spencer Abraham
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Abraham,

Please vote to confirm Dr. Henry W. Foster, M.D., as our next Surgeon-General.

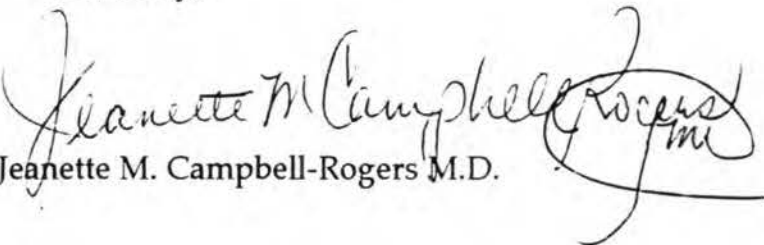
As a resident of Michigan and a practicing health professional here, I can assure you that Dr. Foster is an outstanding physician and educator. As Surgeon-General, he could significantly advance health awareness and the prevention of teen pregnancy in our country.

Sentor, I hope you will also use your own leadership position to help keep in perspective the claims and charges of a few political lobby organizations who are attempting to use the nomination of this good man only to further their own political objectives. The truth is that Dr. Foster is a family man with strong family values, and over his distinguished career he has strengthened families and emphasized abstinence among young people in the inner city.

Our nation should have the benefit of Dr. Foster and his considerable gifts as a teacher and physician.

Please support and vote for Dr. Foster's confirmation.

Sincerely,


Jeanette M. Campbell-Rogers M.D.

Dr. Teletha S. Gipson
3725 Greenbrier Blvd
Apt. 187B
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

March 21, 1995

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Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

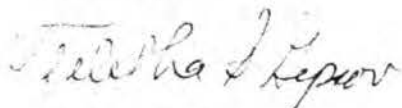
Dear Ms. Lawrence:

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination and confirmation of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General. I strongly urge the committee to support Dr. Foster. Dr. Foster is very much committed to health care issues and awareness. This commitment as well as his leadership abilities were observed while serving on Meharry's Executive Management Team with Dr. Foster in 1992-1993. During his tenure on this committee, as well as the Board of Trustees, Dr. Foster was responsible for the successful recruitment of physicians needed for the merger of Meharry/Hubbard and Nashville General Hospitals and establishing a day care center for sick children on the campus of Meharry. These are only a few of his achievements.

I can honestly say that Dr. Foster is an outstanding physician, educator and a family man with strong family values.

Over his distinguished career he has strengthened families and has worked diligently in the prevention of teen pregnancy. The United States should have the benefit of Dr. Foster and his considerable talents and gifts as an educator and physician.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Teletha S. Gipson".

Teletha S. Gipson, Ph.D.



**DEPARTMENT OF
OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY
MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

**ELWYN M. GRIMES, M.D., FACOG
PROFESSOR & CHAIRMAN**

March 23, 1995

June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

Having known Dr. Henry Foster for over thirty years, I am acquainted with his superior ability and achievements. I feel that President Clinton made a wise choice in nominating him as the next Surgeon General of the United States

He is hard working, intelligent, honest, reliable and does things above the call of duty for his fellow man.

Dr. Foster came to Meharry Medical College thirty years ago as a first year resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology, with his colleagues, he helped us make an excellent department.

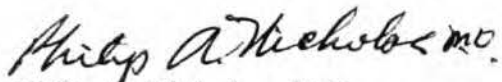
Dr. Foster loves and understands people. The fine qualities, along with his intelligence will allow him, as a Surgeon General to make substantial contributions in the health field. Dr. Foster is always in the Vanguard.

As a young graduate from Obstetrics and Gynecology he went to Tuskegee and, took over the Obstetrics and Gynecology program and made it an excellent department.

Dr. Bernell James, after many years as Chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Meharry resigned. Dr. Foster was able to return to Meharry Medical College and fill that position. A few years after, the Dean of the Medical School resigned, Dr. Foster was there to take over, and when Dr. Satcher the President left, Dr. Foster filled his position.

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I recommend Dr. Henry Foster without reservation to be the next Surgeon General of the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philip A. Nicholas, M.D.".

Philip A. Nicholas, M.D.
Professor Emeritus
Obstetrics and Gynecology
Meharry Medical College



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March 7, 1995

The Hon. Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

I am writing to express my support for your nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for Surgeon General of the United States. Please allow me to commend you on your excellent judgement in choosing Dr. Foster for this important post. His long and prestigious medical career serves as a testament to his dedication to all of humanity, whatever their color or income. I believe Dr. Foster to be a fine example of our distinguished medical population, not only here in the United States, but throughout our global community.

While there have been many attempts to assault the character of Dr. Foster through an attack on his career history, I am sure you are aware that these reports are unfounded, malicious attempts to malign a man who has dedicated his career to protecting and preserving human life. The recent questions raised in the media regarding Dr. Foster's involvement with the Tuskegee Study are a disheartening reminder of the way in which facts can be manipulated and distorted. I am certain that if we work diligently to promote the true history of Dr. Foster's prestigious career, he will indeed be recognized as the great Surgeon General nominee that he is.

Please do not hesitate to call on me if I may be of service to you in continuing this important endeavor. I look forward to congratulating Dr. Foster on his appointment in the near future.

Sincerely,

Vivian E. Cook
Member of Assembly



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JAMES H. CHANDLER, JR.

March 19, 1995

The Honorable Nancy L. Kassebaum
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510 - 2203

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

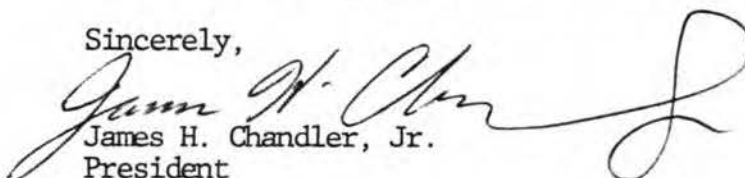
I am writing to urge you to support the nomination of Dr. Henry W. Foster, Jr. to be the Surgeon General of the United States of America. Dr. Foster is a superbly qualified candidate who has long advocated responsible reproductive health policies that will protect women's health, strengthen families, combat teenage pregnancy and reduce the need for abortion. His "I Have A Future" program has helped to give thousands of teens the self-respect and access to health care they need to assume responsible and productive roles in society. Former President Bush acknowledged the importance of this program and the services it provides to at-risk youth by designating Dr. Foster as one of his "thousand points of light".

In more than thirty years of practice as an obstetrician/gynecologist, Dr. Foster has provided routine medical care to women who at some point in their lives may need birth control, childbirth, or abortion services. He is now being condemned by anti-choice forces for performing a perfectly legal medical procedure in the context of providing women with the full range of reproductive health care services they require.

I urge you to consider Dr. Foster's entire lifetime of extraordinary work and not allow his nomination to become a litmus test for the radical right.

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



James H. Chandler, Jr.
President

JHCjr./mb

3-27-70
Dear Sir/Madam,

Mr Henry Foster has the qualification
for the job. Whether he did wrong or
not, if he has repented in his heart,
he deserves the chance to make a wrong
right in any way possible.

After all, Jesus forgave!

Thank you

A Concern citizen
Linda

March 21, 1995
To Senator Kascabawm

Dear senator,

I do believe that Mr. Henry Foster
is a very qualify for the
position of the Surgeon general
And I am fully support him
for him as a register voter.

Luckner Miller

3-21-95

Senator Nancy Kassebaum:

I am sending this letter of support
of Henry Foster for Surgeon General.

I had not told you of the suggestion
we all knew these capabilities.

I trust that you and your committee
will give the appointment your sincere consideration.

Sincerely,

Alvin Roach
5626 Calvert

Lincoln, NE 68506

L. MORRIS JONES, M.D., INC.
Fellow - American Academy of Family Physicians
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EAST CLEVELAND, OHIO 44112
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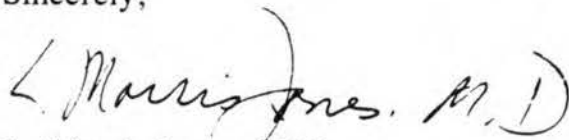
March 21, 1995

Ms. June Lawrence
Committee on Labor & Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

As a Meharry Medical College graduate, I hereby support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for United States Surgeon General and urge the Committee to support him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Morris Jones, M.D." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

L. Morris Jones, M.D.

LMJ/gr

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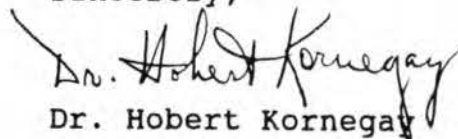
March 21, 1995

June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Re: Dr. Henry Foster

Please accept this as my statement in support of the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U. S. Surgeon General and I urge the Committee to support him. Dr. Foster's integrity is above reproach and his credibility is without question.

Sincerely,


Dr. Hobert Kornegay

HK/sws

MARVA J. MORRIS, M. D.

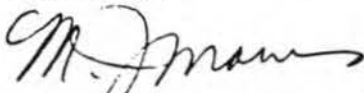
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TELEPHONE (313) 864-3358

To Whom It May Concern:

"I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon
General and urge the committee to support him."

Sincerely,

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Marva Jenkins Morris, M.D.

WILTON L. SMITH, M.D.
254 WOODLAND AVENUE
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43203
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TELEPHONE 228-5082

March 20, 1995

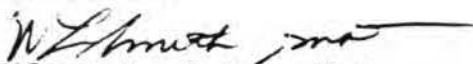
June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

RE: Dr. Henry Foster

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U. S. Surgeon General and urge the committee to support him.

Sincerely,


Wilton L. Smith, M.D.

March 20, 1995

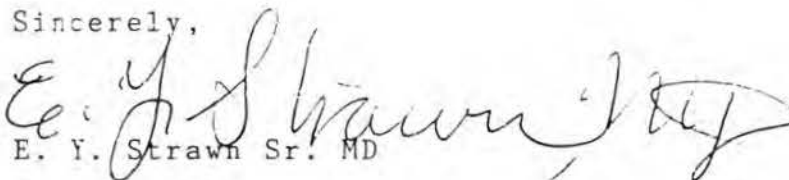
June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

I have known Dr. Foster for several years and served with him several years ago on the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Family Life and Education Committee. His knowledge, experience and credibility have certainly prepared him for the leadership responsibility as U.S. Surgeon General.

I support the nomination of Dr. Foster for U.S. Surgeon General and urge the committee to support him.

Sincerely,


E. Y. Strawn Sr. MD

William C. Phelps, M.D., P.C.

1324 Mississippi Boulevard
Memphis, TN 38106

Obstetrics & Gynecology

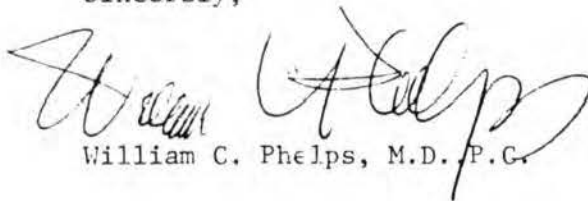
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March 20, 1995

June Lawrence
Committee On Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S.
Surgeon General and urge the Committee to support him.

Sincerely,



William C. Phelps, M.D., P.C.

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CLEVELAND HTS., OHIO 44118
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March 21, 1995

June Lawrence
Committee of Labor and
Human Resources
U. S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Henry Foster, M.D.
Nominee for U. S.
Surgeon General

Dear Sirs:

Dr. Foster is a physician of great integrity and high moral character. Throughout his career as a practicing Obstetrician/Gynecologist and educator he has exhibited the ultimate in ethical conduct. I support his nomination for U. S. Surgeon General without reservation and urge the committee to support him.

Sincerely yours,


Grant L. Franklin, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.S.
Chief Division of General Surgery
Meridia Huron Hospital

710 Hamings Drive
Atlanta, GA 30311
March 20, 1995

Jane Lawrence
Committee on Labor + Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam:

I support the nomination of Dr.
Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General
and urge the Committee to support
him. This man has done absolutely
nothing wrong; and deserves the
support shown to him. He would
be an asset to the office.
Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Mable W. Pensler

March 21, 1995

Ms June Lawrence
Committee on Labor
and Human Resources
Unites States Senate
Washington, DC20510

Dear Ms Lawrence,

This communication is in support of the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General. And, I enthusiastically urge the Committee to support him.

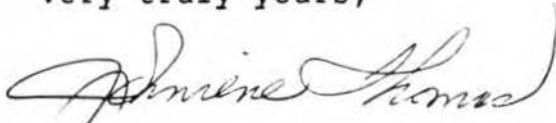
I have known Dr. Foster as a colleague, a neighbor, a teacher, a scholar. Additionally, for the past several years, he has been my mother's physician.

Always he has exhibited a compassion, a vision and unquestionable integrity in all that he has undertaken. I do wholeheartedly believe that as Surgeon General, Dr. Foster would positively and effectively address many of the social and health problems plaguing our country. His visionary capacity would enable efficacious plans to be developed that could result in amelioration of the same.

Again, without reservation, I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General and urge the Committee to support his candidacy.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Johnnie Thomas".

Johnnie Thomas
4217 Ashland City Highway
Nashville, TN37218



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March 23, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
428 Dirksen Building
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I am writing to voice my avid support of the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for the position of Surgeon General of the United States.

I recently had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Henry Foster during the national meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program for which Dr. Foster is on the Board of Trustees.

As an obstetrician-gynecologist and clinical research fellow investigating adverse perinatal outcomes and ongoing changes in health care delivery, I am ecstatic over the nomination of Dr. Foster. A crucial and unique interface between politics and health care is developing in the United States. It is imperative that the next Surgeon General is equipped with the skills and vision needed to direct the focus of health care in this country. Henry Foster clearly possesses the tenacity and knowledge that will help to bridge the gap between policy, economics, and health.

I am aware of the concerns over issues such as abortion and previously hysterectomized patients. The field of medicine is forever evolving. Many practices which were once held as standard are now clearly out of vogue and have been re-evaluated, just as certain political policies have been amended. The issue of abortion is likely to remain a provocative one in the coming years. However, the scope of health care is much broader than one issue; and thus requires a Surgeon General like Henry Foster who is capable of incorporating all sides of an issue into a program aimed at improving the health of the citizens of this country.

In closing I would again like to resonate my support of Dr. Foster. In my view, he exemplifies the attitude, personality, skill and fortitude to do a tough job in tough times.

Sincerely,
W. Nicholson M.D.
Wanda Nicholson, M.D.
Clinical Research Fellow
Robert Wood Johnson Scholars Program

March 24, 1995

Senator Kassebaum
C/O June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United State Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

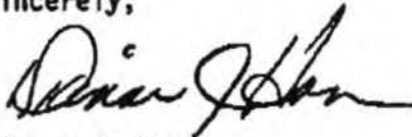
Please accept this letter of support for Dr. Henry Foster in his appointment to the office of Surgeon General.

I believe Dr. Foster has shown great leadership and compassion with his "I Have a Future Program" for teenagers. His strong belief in individual liberties, especially for women, is greatly needed at this time in our nation's history. The programs he has initiated and/or been involved with to promote self-esteem and personal responsibility are programs the youth and adults, of our nation so desperately need today.

As a resident of Orange County, an Elder at First Presbyterian Church of Anaheim, a leader in Orange County Congregation Community Organization (OCCCO), President of the Orange County chapter of Parents United, a member of Interfaith/Impact, and a concerned United States citizen I have built relationships with many people who are concerned about the future of our country. On the behalf of many of these people I strongly urge you to appoint Dr. Foster as the next Surgeon General.

Thank you for your consideration and agreement.

Sincerely,



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March 22, 1995

The Honorable Nancy Kassebaum
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
The United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I urge you to support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General, a nomination which enjoys the unanimous support of the medical and public health communities. Virtually every association of health care professionals has endorsed Dr. Foster, including the American Medical Association, the American Public Health Association, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the American Nurses Association, and the American College of Physicians.

Not only do these organizations represent thousands of your constituents, but as Chair of the Labor Committee your national prominence could be a much-needed endorsement of Dr. Foster's approach to responsible child-bearing. Dr. Foster is best known for his pioneering work on the prevention of teen pregnancy and infant mortality. But he was also acting director of Meharry Medical College and one of the youngest people ever inducted into the National Academy of Sciences' prestigious Institute of Medicine. Dr. Foster is an outstanding obstetrician and gynecologist, who has had an active obstetrical practice over the years, delivering thousands of babies.

This history is in agreement, I think, with many of your positions, and now is the opportunity to nationalize these views when they are needed more than ever. Your support would promote, for example, the approach taken by Dr. Foster's "I Have a Future" program: family values, the delay in onset of sexual activity, and the creation of improved self image. As the nation struggles to find a positive way to deal with the issues of teen pregnancy, drug abuse, and a growing underclass, Dr. Foster is the right person at the right time.

As a national leader of the majority party and as a woman, the country looks to you at this critical moment. I wholeheartedly urge your committee's approval of Dr. Foster.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Allan Rosenfield".

Allan Rosenfield, MD



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March 24, 1995

Honorable Nancy Kassebaum
Chairperson
Committee on Labor & Human Resources
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Washington, D.C. 20510

ATTENTION: June Lawrence

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

My good friend and colleague of 20 years, Henry Foster, M.D. was nominated for the position of U.S. Surgeon General by President Clinton.

I am asking that you give Hank Foster your full support in the confirmation process. He is one of the finest physicians I have known and will be a well-spoken, circumspect and thoughtful Surgeon General.

Please include this letter of support for Dr. Foster in the record of your Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Mahan, M.D.
Dean

DRS. BRANDON AND LAUREN BARTON

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Jane Lawrence
Committee on Labor &
Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

I support the nomination
of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S.
Surgeon General and strongly
urge the committee to support
him.

Yours truly,
Lauren Barton, MD

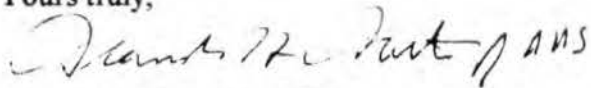
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June Lawrence
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I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U. S. Surgeon General and strongly urge the committee to support him.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brandon H. Barton", followed by the letters "ANS" in a slightly different script.

Brandon H. Barton, D.D.S.

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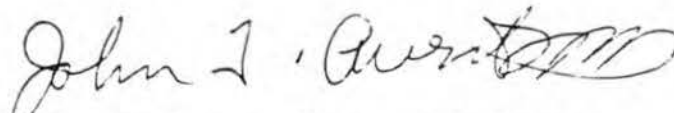
March 23, 1995

June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
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Dear Ms. Lawrence:

"I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for
U.S. Surgeon General and urge the committee to support
him."

Sincerely,


John T. Avent, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.

JTA:bmh

25 Shubert
Florham Park,
07932
March 21, 1994

Dear President Clinton,

I support the Nomination
of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S.
Surgeon General and urge the
Committee to support him.

I am a nurse and knew
Dr. Foster during the time of his
OB/GYN Residency. He was a very
dedicated and caring physician.
I've read about his work in
Nashville and feel that he would
make an excellent Surgeon General.

Luisa Malotte

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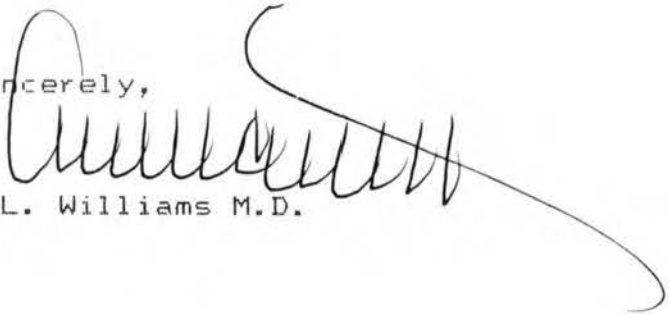
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June Lawrence
Committee on Labor And Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madame:

I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General and urge the committee to support him.

Sincerely,


A.L. Williams M.D.



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Dear Committee:

I support the nomination of Dr.. Henry Foster for the U.S. Surgeon General and urge the committee to support him.

Sincerely,

Maria E. Williamson, DDS
Tuskegee Institute Class of 1979
Loyola U. School of Dentistry
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Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
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Dear Committee:

This letter is in support of the nomination of Dr.. Henry Foster for the U.S. Surgeon General and I urge the committee to render their support to him.

Sincerely,

Gail R. Ezell, DDS
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Meharry Medical College
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March 23, 1995

June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
U.S. Senate
Washington D.C., 20510

Dear June Lawrence:

I have known Dr. Henry Foster for more than 20 years. He is a doctor who combines character, compassion, and caring in a manner accomplished by very few. I am sure you are aware of his diligence and the efforts to decrease teenage pregnancy and immunize as well as educate the nations young. The nation needs Dr. Foster and I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General and urge the committee to support him. Please do not hesitate to contact me to be of any help.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



Harris Gibson, Jr., M.D.

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March 20, 1995

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Senator Nancy Kassebaum, Chair
Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee
302 Senate Russell Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

It is a real pleasure and an honor for me to share with you and your committee the knowledge I have of Dr. Henry Foster, nominee for U.S. Surgeon General.

Dr. Foster has, for many years, exhibited those qualities and traits that our community has come to expect and depend on from our leaders. With the educational background that Dr. Foster possesses, he could have escaped to the suburbs and enjoyed a quiet and peaceful life as so many others have done. Instead he has thrust himself into one of the most crime-ridden neighborhoods in the inner city of Nashville. An area which frequently receives slow responses from most service providers which includes taxi cabs, etc. Dr. Foster has consistently gone into those communities and empowered those young people who have had no hope.

Dr. Foster has stimulated the intellect of young people which has been lying dormant. Not only did he inspire the young people, but their parents, most often their mothers. Many of these young people whom Dr. Foster convinced that **"They Had A Future"** are now honor graduates from local high schools and are full-scholarship college students.

Senator Kassebaum, I am grieved that there are those who have no knowledge personal or otherwise, and have freely spewed out venom maliciously without any regard for the truth. I know Dr. Foster. I know of his honesty, his integrity and the care he has always exhibited for the trust that is vested in him by his community, his church, his family and friends, but most of all his God.

Senator Kassebaum, as one Senator to another, I know the struggles we face when we must make decisions which greatly impact the lives of others. I know too that we do not take our responsibilities lightly. I implore you to look

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Senator Kassebaum
Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee
March 20, 1995

at the record of honesty and service that Dr. Foster brings with him. I ask that you look closely at those attributes and the integrity that Dr. Foster possess. I ask that you vote to confirm Dr. Foster as the next United States Surgeon General.

I hope that this letter adequately reflects the care and concern that this community has for Dr. Foster and our desire to see him confirmed. If I can provide additional information, please just let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thelma Harper", written in a cursive style.

Thelma M. Harper
State Senator
19th Senatorial District of Tennessee

TMH:

10706 Wickersham Lane
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March 23, 1995

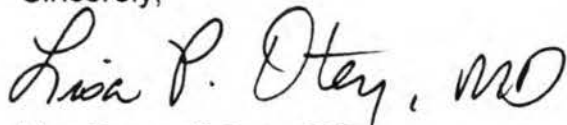
June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

This letter is in support of the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U. S. Surgeon General. I have known Dr. Foster for twelve years as a medical student, an obstetrics and gynecology resident, and faculty colleague and can attest, without reservation, to his integrity, credibility and outstanding leadership qualities. He was an exemplary mentor to me during the years I trained under his leadership at Meharry Medical College. It was due to his encouragement and support that I sought and successfully completed sub-specialty training in Reproductive Endocrinology at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX. Dr. Foster has been an inspiration to students and residents who trained under his direction. He is a visionary who inspires those who work with him.

During the time I have known him, he has always conducted himself and his practice above reproach. Without reservation, I endorse and fully support his nomination for the U. S. Surgeon General appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa P. Otey, MD". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lisa Pearsall Otey, M.D.

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June Lawrence

United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Ms Lawrence:

I fully support the nomination of Dr
Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General
and I encourage the senate to support
him as well.

Sincerely,

The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. It begins with a large, stylized 'T' that loops around the first part of the name. The letters 'Otey' are written in a connected, cursive script, and 'M.D.' is written in a simpler, more upright cursive at the end.

Theodore T. Otey, M.D.

John C. Taylor, D.D.S.
4200 Harding Road, No. 204
Nashville, In. 37205

March 13, 1995

Dear Sirs:

This letter is written in
support of Dr. Henry Foster.

I have known Dr. Foster
for many years. He worked with
Lins. He is extremely capable
and would be up to the job.

Yours truly
John C. Taylor

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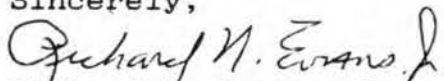
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This correspondence is in reference to my total support for Dr. Henry Foster. Dr. Foster was chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology when I was a junior medical student at Meharry Medical College. He was a scholar then as he is today. He encouraged students to read incessantly. In our oral examination, I specifically remember him showing me the perhydrocyclopentano-phenanthrene nucleus (the basic structure of steroids), and the chemical structure of prostaglandins. We were to give him the obstetric and gynecological functions of the compound. Dr. Foster encouraged and was an example of academic and professional excellence.

I am a general and vascular surgeon. As a surgical colleague, I empathize with Dr. Foster. I have had the opportunity to take care of many trauma patients. I also take care of an elderly population many of these patients have diabetes and severe atherosclerotic occlusive arterial disease. Some patients need to have an extremity amputated. Some cultures and religions forbid this. Some surgeons will not perform an extremity amputation. Well, I have. It is a necessary operation when needed. Am I proud or ashamed of the amputation I have done? No, not really either, for the amputations were procedures that were needed and consented to by the patient or the patient's next of kin. How many have I done? I don't know. Sometimes you have to dig a small hole and place part of the body in it or later dig a big hole and put the whole body in it. At all times as physicians we have to guide patients and their families through very difficult choices.

I wholeheartedly endorse this honest, capable administrator, educator, and fellow surgeon.

Sincerely,


Richard N. Evans, Jr., M.D.

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March 22, 1995

Ms. June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

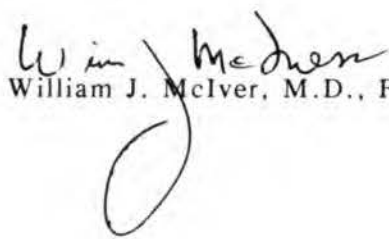
I am concerned about the way Dr. Foster's integrity and character has been impuned by the media and certain members of congress. It is unfortunate that often, when we have strong leadership available, it appears to be standard operation to discredit or destroy such leadership.

Dr. Foster has been an outstanding clinician and researcher and as a result has had to evaluate many controversial issues in the past.

I do not think this should be held against him, but should be to his credit in the position for which he has been nominated.

I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General and urge the committee to support him.

Sincerely,


William J. McIver, M.D., F.A.C.S., P.A.

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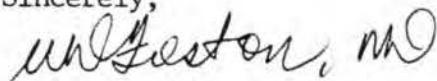
Dear Ms. Lawrence:

We are writing to offer unwavering and enthusiastic support for Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General, and would urge the committee to do the same. We have known Dr. Foster for more than 20 years, and have found him to be extremely intelligent, skilled, empathetic and dedicated to the teaching and practice of superior quality health care.

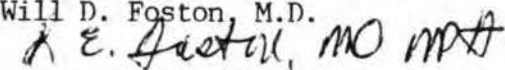
As Surgeon General the health of the nation would be improved by his untiring devotion to education and preventive public health concerns.

Thank you,

Sincerely,



Will D. Foston, M.D.



R.E. Foston, MD., MPH

March 21, 1995

June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Henry W. Foster, MD, Nominee for
U.S. Surgeon General

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

I am sharing the contents of a letter sent to Senator Paul Simon:
in support of Dr. Foster's nomination:

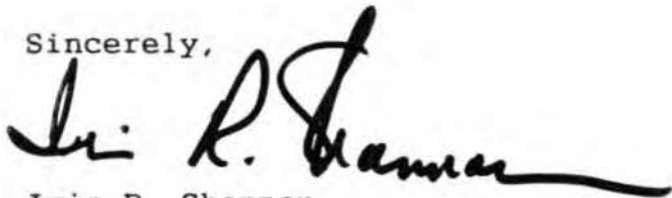
It has been difficult to put the controversy swilling around Dr. Foster's nomination in perspective. Essentially, he is being attacked for doing what HE IS EXPECTED TO DO as an obstetric and gynecologic clinician, medical educator and researcher. His role requires that he be an expert practitioner, that he know the science associated with obstetric and gynecologic procedures, that he know when procedures are done correctly or incorrectly, that he be involved with and know the research relative to reproductive problems. In other words, given his knowledge, experience and responsibility, HE is one of the experts who provides consultation to others. America, for its protection and maintenance of medical excellence, must have access to a full range of medical and health experts, like Dr. Foster.

Because of his accomplishments, Dr. Foster was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences: an organization often providing consultation to Congress. He is also an elected Fellow in the College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. To perform these roles, experts, like Dr. Foster, must have clinical experience, must do research, and must continuously challenge the truth.

The arguments against the nominee are fallacious. They are not based on his qualifications or the health needs of the nation. If Congress is interested in improving the quality of life for all Americans and if Congress is committed to the national health objectives for the year 2000 (USDHHS, 1990 Healthy People 2000), Dr. Foster's nomination should be approved. Consistent with national objectives, Dr. Foster has spent a professional lifetime

trying to reduce the health risks of vulnerable populations, particularly, African-Americans. He is eminently qualified for the position of Surgeon-General.

Sincerely,

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Iris R. Shannon

BISHOP C. DALE WHITE
The United Methodist Church

The Honorable Nancy L. Kassebaum
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

In support of the action taken by the Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist Church, I urge the confirmation of Dr. Henry Foster as Surgeon General of the United States.

Having lived in Nashville until recently, I am aware of the unusual work of Dr. Foster and his colleagues at Meharry Medical College in preventing teen pregnancy. The "I Have a Future" program offers a holistic model for convincing young people growing up in poverty that personal discipline and self-care now will secure the fulfillment of their dreams in the future. I agree with Dr. Foster that the solution to the problem of teen abortions is pregnancy prevention. Related problems of infant mortality from low-weight births, venereal diseases, and single mothers trapped in poverty could be alleviated by similar programs.

Meharry Medical College, a United Methodist institution, has trained almost half the African-American doctors and dentists in the country for years. Dr. Foster is a distinguished professor of a distinguished medical school. He will make an outstanding Surgeon General.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bishop C. Dale White".

Bishop C. Dale White
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Newport, RI 02840

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MARCH 23, 95

Gene Lawrence
Committee of Labor and Human Resources
United STATES
WASHINGTON. DC 20510

Dear Ms. Lawrence

I Support the Nomination of Dr. Henry Foster
for U.S. Surgeon General and urge the Committee to
Support him.

Sincerely
Fus Foster

124 Madison Pl. NW
Atlanta, Ga 30306
March 23, 1995

Ms. Jane Lawrence
Committee on Labor Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
Ms. Lawrence:

I support the nomination of Dr. Henry
Jaster for U.S. Surgeon General and urge
the Committee to support him.

Sincerely,
Joseph E. Robinson

March 23, 1995

Jane Lawrence
US Senate
Washington DC 20510

To Whom It May Concern;

I support the nomination of

Dr. Henry Foster for US Surgeon General
and urge the Committee to support him.

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March, 22, 1995

June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resource
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mrs. Lawrence,

I support the nomination of
Dr. Henry Lawrence for U. S.
Surgeon General and urge the
committee to support him.

Sincerely,
Eleanor H. Martin

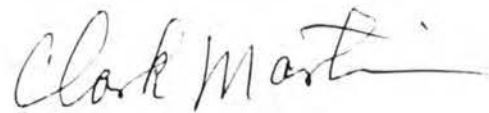
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Dear Ms. Lawrence,

I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for
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him.

Sincerely,

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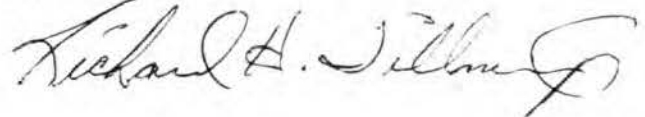
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United States Senate
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Dear Ms. Lawrence,

I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for
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him.

Sincerely,

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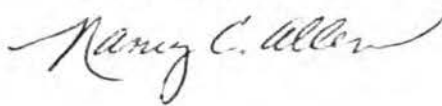
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Dear Ms. Lawrence,

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Sincerely,

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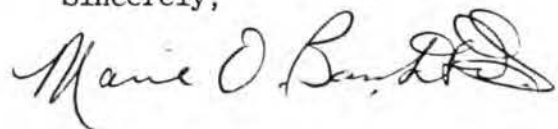
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June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
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Dear Ms. Lawrence,

I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for
U.S. Surgeon General and urge the committee to support
him.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely
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March 22, 1995

Ms. June Lawrence
The Committee on Labor and Human Resources
United States Senate
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Dears Sirs:

This letter comes in support of the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General.

Please be advised that I have known Dr. Foster for a number of years. Our relationship dates back to the early fifties, when he was a student at Morehouse College and I at Atlanta University. From the day of our initial encounter, I was deeply impressed by the manner in which he conducted himself in all endeavors. I have had the occasion to follow Dr. Foster over the years and I have found him to continue to manifest a high degree of integrity, intelligence, character and honor.

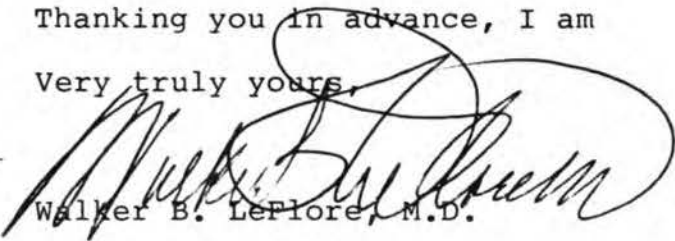
Through the years, as a peer physician, I have admired Dr. Foster for his accomplishments in the field of medicine. He has exemplified high standards in the practice, teaching and administration of medicine and has demonstrated a determination to make a difference in the lives of those with whom he was associated.

I think he is an excellent nominee, so I strongly support the confirmation of Dr. Henry Foster for U.S. Surgeon General.

I urge the committee to give their favorable approval in this matter.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,


Walker B. LeFlore, M.D.

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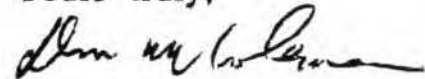
Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Chair, Committee on Labor and Human Resources

Dear Senator Kassebaum,

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Dr. Henry W. Foster for the position of Surgeon General of the United States of America. I was most impressed with his presentation on Ted Koppel's show. In addition, his views regarding health in general and teen age pregnancy in particular as articulated at other public forums, show a professionalism and sensitivity sorely needed at this time in our history. I feel that your Committee should support him and not let the current political turmoil taint his life's work as a dedicated educator, physician, and community worker. I have had the pleasure of hearing firsthand about his outstanding teaching and his abhorrence of the use of abortion as a means of birth control. My son Don, II was one of his obstetrics students at Meharry Medical College.

Than you for consideration of my views.

Yours truly,



Don M. Coleman

Faxed (202/228-5044) to
June Lawrence
Staff Assistant, Committee on Labor & Human Resources



March 23, 1995

The Honorable Nancy Landon Kassebaum
Committee on Labor & Human Resources
United States Senate
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am writing to urge your support and senate confirmation of the appointment of Dr. Henry Foster to the position of United States Surgeon General.

Dr. Foster is eminently qualified by his training, professional experience and the distinguished leadership role he has played in the medical profession. His outstanding service and commitments in addressing the problems of high risk young people in America, programs to reduce teenage pregnancies, and advancing the goals of, and service of medical education, all attest to the exceptional fitness of Dr. Foster for this important medical post in our government.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Johnson

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The Honorable Nancy Kassebaum
Senator
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Labor
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U. S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madame Chairperson:

I write in enthusiastic support of the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster as the next Surgeon General of the United States. I write from a personal standpoint, having known and worked with Dr. Foster for over twenty years on health policy matters, and from the standpoint of the Association of Academic Health Centers, amongst whose valued members is Meharry. Dr. Foster served as Meharry's representative for a couple of years and interacted during that time very constructively and creatively with our membership.

In the interests of brevity, let me simply emphasize a few major points. First, Dr. Foster is eminently qualified to serve all the people of our nation as their Surgeon General. Second, the unfortunate misunderstandings of his initial presentation to the public by the administration worked to obscure the fact of his enormous and widely appreciated integrity, both professional and personal. I know that as you probe these matters, you will agree with colleagues and associates who have worked with him on a daily basis that he is straightforward, honest, and dedicated to all the things physicians should hold highest. Third, he is truly dedicated to preserving life and finding constructive ways for youngsters to avoid pregnancy; the last thing he is an abortionist. He does stand for patient empowerment, patient autonomy within the law, and the responsibility of the professions to serve their patients and the public according to the law.

Finally, in this era of outcomes research and the bottom line, I believe we must judge people's administrative skills and effectiveness by the outcomes of their efforts, rather than by trying to determine this detail or that about administrative process. Dr. Foster's tenure at Meharry was characterized by great progress and/or the actual

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resolution of some of the institution's thorniest problems. He solved the hospital relationship issue; he recruited good people to key positions and the institution's fiscal situation improved significantly. He achieved all this while still placing high on his agenda a sensitivity both to individual people and to important institutional issues. In my judgement, these are the characteristics of a superior leader, high achievement while preserving and developing the central soul and mission of the institution. He can be expected to do the same thing as the Surgeon General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Roger J. Balger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Roger" and last name "Balger" clearly distinguishable.

Roger J. Balger, M.D.
President

Washington C. Hill, M.D., FACOG
Director, The Perinatal Center
of Sarason Memorial Hospital
Specializing in Maternal/Petal Medicine Consultation



March 23, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Attn: June Lawrence, Staff Assistant
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
428 Dirksen Building
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am a physician who has known and worked with Dr. Henry Foster, Jr. for at least the past 20 years. As you are aware, on Wednesday, February 2, 1995, Dr. Foster, an obstetrician/gynecologist, educator and community leader was nominated by President Bill Clinton to the post of U.S. Surgeon General. Over the past month and a half, his nomination has been supported by many and targeted by others for defeat. President Clinton plans to stand behind this nominee, despite controversy because he is a "gifted physician, committed educator and strong community leader."

His nomination as U.S. Surgeon General should be approved by your committee and confirmed by the Senate. He is a skilled physician, teacher and administrator. Throughout his tenure at Meharry Medical College, he served as Chairperson for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dean of the School of Medicine and Interim President of the Medical College. He played prominent roles in the merger of the school's Hubbard Hospital with Nashville Metropolitan General Hospital, education of minority medical students, and won national acclaim for his "I Have a Future" program, whose sole purpose was to help young people in Nashville break a cycle of despair and be somebody. You should know that "I Have A Future" builds self-confidence and instills family values in young teens. This program has taught hundreds of disadvantaged teens the value of sexual abstinence and education. It was recognized by the previous Republican administration as an example of what the private sector of this country can do to reduce the epidemic of teenage pregnancy. Those of us who see teenagers pregnant every day know that it is one of the biggest problems this country has to face. Efforts such as Dr. Foster's can only help reduce teenage pregnancy and improve the life of these young people. Teens who have gone through "I Have A Future" say that Foster's vision brightened their future. They thank him for that brighter future. President Clinton has rightfully identified teenage pregnancy as a significant problem for America. Dr. Foster as Surgeon General would help combat this epidemic.

Criticizing Dr. Foster for doing sterilization in the 1970's which was the standard of practice is like criticizing physicians who did blood-letting years ago and saying they

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should have known better. His nomination has been vigorously contested mostly, however, due to abortion related issues. Some have said that we should not have a Surgeon General who has performed an abortion, even if it was legal. Others have said, and I would agree, that the issue here is not abortion. The issue is whether or not Dr. Henry Foster is qualified to be the nation's top doctor. Ability, not abortion, should be the test. He has already stated that abortion should be "safe, legal and rare". Dr. Foster clearly has the ability to do the job. The fact that he ministered to all the health needs of his patients should not prohibit him from serving his country as Surgeon General, something he deeply wishes to do. The fact that he has been a committed educator, respected community leader, gifted physician, and fought long against teenage pregnancy should be the qualities for which he is judged. Please judge him fairly.

There is now increasing support for his nomination as Surgeon General. However, Senator Phil Gramm recently stated that the United States needed a Surgeon General like Doctor Marcus Welby, M.D. I remember Dr. Welby as a fictional character on television. What we need is not a fictional character, but a real hard-working physician such as Dr. Foster who can focus the nation's attention on reducing teenage pregnancy, improving infant mortality and important preventative health issues. Dr. Foster is qualified to be Surgeon General and should be approved. He should not be eliminated because he performed his job well as an obstetrician/gynecologist, or because of the prejudices of others. By all accounts, he has been a distinguished academician, physician, educator, community leader and administrator. He is qualified to be the nation's public health spokesperson and top doctor. I urge you and your committee to give him that opportunity.

Please include this letter for the record.

Respectfully,



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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I would like to once again state my support of Dr Henry Foster for Surgeon General of the United States. His dedication and unswerving support of programs to enhance the medical care for women is well known. Even more specifically, his work with the teenagers in Nashville has increased their self-esteem and reduced the pregnancy rate in that group. This has decreased their demand for abortion services, which surely is a result desired by all. To allow this work to be overlooked would be a grave injustice as the nation could lose a fine proponent of health care.

Dr Foster is also highly involved in and supportive of the educational programs which are developed throughout the nation to train future doctors. This interest is sorely needed so that a great national resource is not diminished.

Please support Dr Henry Foster for Surgeon General of the United States and please include this correspondence for the record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Louis A. Vontver".

Louis A Vontver, MD, MEd
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Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

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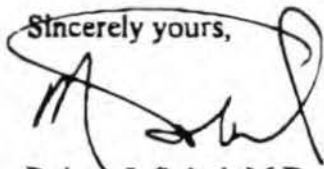
Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
U. S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Dr. Henry Foster

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I wanted to send this letter to you to be considered, I would hope, testimony for your committee's record. I have known Dr. Henry Foster for the past twenty years. In my opinion he would be a superb Surgeon General. He is a caring and compassionate physician. He is an individual with years of experience in sound and sensible public health policy and implementation. He is also an experienced administrator of excellence. Importantly, he is a reasonable person who can be expected to behave in reasonable ways to attempt to enhance the health of the American people. He has my strongest support for this position.

Sincerely yours,



Robert J. Sokol, M.D.
Dean, School of Medicine
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology

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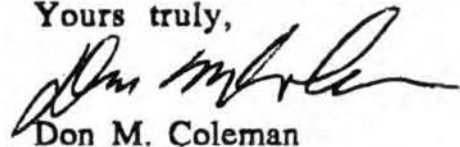
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Thank you for consideration of my views.

Yours truly,



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February 20, 1995

Henry W. Foster, M.D.
Senior Scholar in Residence
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1400 Sixteenth Street NW
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Dear Henry:

I think that you are a fantastic nominee to be the next Surgeon General, and I am sure that once the political wind has blown over, things will work out well. You certainly have my support, and I look forward to working with you in that role.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

William N. Kelley, M.D.

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March 24, 1995

Att: June Lawrence, Staff Assistant
Committee on Labor and Human Resources
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

Please add my name to those supporting the nomination of Henry W. Foster, Jr., M.D. for Surgeon General of the United States. I have read his resume which alone is very convincing that he is eminently qualified to serve as Surgeon General. His extensive experience both in the practice of medicine and in medical education should equip him to serve all the citizens of the United States with distinction.

Further, I am offended that he has been the victim of a smear campaign. Whether or not he has performed abortions and the question of how many abortions he has performed are non-issues. Abortions have been determined by the Supreme Court to be legal. He has not been accused of breaking any laws. Moreover, he has spearheaded a program in Nashville, Tennessee that has been judged to be one of the few successful ones in discouraging teenagers from becoming pregnant. I can't think of a more appropriate type of candidate for the office.

In short, please support Dr. Foster for Surgeon General.

Sincerely yours,



Sylvia E. Green

P.S. With regard to the general area of Senate approval of any President's nomination to any office that requires Senate approval, I believe that, in the past, the Senate would approve all such nominations unless the Senate found some serious flaw in the candidate's character or experience. In the past such nominations have not been subject to prosecution in the press, most likely by extremists using distorted or erroneous facts and/or innuendo. Please discontinue this unpleasant new practice. Thank you.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 22, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
c/o Ms. June Lawrence
Committee on Labor and Human Relations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

It is with great pleasure and solemn civic pride that I express my wholehearted support for Dr. Henry Foster's nomination to become the next Surgeon-General of the United States.

I would speak against the three most mentioned reasons why he should not be confirmed. They are: (1) the number of abortion procedures he has performed over the last 30 years; (2) Dr. Foster's integrity; and (3) the bungling of his nomination by the Clinton White House.

Regarding the first point, it is yet to be proven that Dr. Henry Foster committed any crime or illegalities in the years that he has practiced medicine as one of America's premier Board Certified Obstetrician/Gynecologists. It must be reiterated that abortion is not considered illegal in America for, under Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court has ruled that abortion procedures performed by a doctor, however abhorrent and immoral it is to a sizeable portion of Americans, is still constitutionally acceptable. Until that ruling is reversed, Dr. Foster, and any number of other doctors, will not be in violation of the law should they have to perform abortion procedures within the parameters set forth by law.

Ironically, Dr. Foster pointed out recently on Nightline with Ted Koppel, that he "abhors abortion". In cases which he had to perform abortion procedures, he said they were only "for rape, incest and saving the life of the mother". Should a man be castigated for something his society allows or permits as lawful, or should his society confer good behavior upon him for being law-abiding? I think rational men and women would agree with the latter rather than the former.

It can be clearly shown that Dr. Foster has done nothing wrong, illegal or unconstitutional. He has stayed within the confines of his professional ethical code and parameters and societal

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jurisprudence. He should be commended and not assailed. Over the years, Dr. Foster established the program, I HAVE A FUTURE to seek out at-risk teenagers and to work with them to prevent teenage pregnancies. This program has helped many teenagers avoid teenage pregnancy, thereby making abortions unnecessary for the group with the highest and increased rate of pregnancies. The I HAVE A FUTURE PROGRAM received a commendation from President Bush's administration as one of the 1,000 POINTS OF LIGHT. This adds value to Dr. Foster as a consummate professional and truly supports his claim that he detests and abhors abortion.

The second issue being used to stop Dr. Foster's nomination is integrity. It is said that, at different times, Dr. Foster said he performed about 12, 39 or some 700 abortions over the last 30 years. Dr. Foster said that he mis-spoke about the number of abortion procedures he has performed in his career. How many of us have not mis-spoken and corrected ourselves when we learned the facts?

I think the worst kind of man is the one, who refuses upon learning he is mistaken, to correct himself. Dr. Foster, before the nation and on Nightline, stated that upon reflection and in hindsight, he should have consulted his records more thoroughly about how many abortions he has performed before speaking extemporaneously to reporters about it. When Dr. Foster had the chance to re-examine his files, he as any man with integrity will do, corrected himself and apologize for the error.

This should not taint one's character. It should rather brighten it. But, unfortunately, in today's America contrition on the part of anyone is a sign of "a damaged good" that is irreparable. Even the good book, The Holy Bible, says that one should be forgiven in their contrition. Integrity to me is being able to say you are wrong when you discover that you are. Dr. Foster should not be raked over the coals for admitting error, if in the process, he sets his records straight.

Thirdly, there is no question that the White House bungled this nomination. They have said as much. This whole affair could have been handled better in a straight and clearer manner by presenting Dr. Foster as a nationally renowned medical practitioner who, over 30 years, has performed abortion procedures to save the life of the mother, or due to rape or incest. It could also have been communicated that he, Dr. Foster, abhors abortions and only performed them under the rarest of such cases.

Even though this straightforward approach was not chosen by the White House, I doubt that there was an intent or motive to conceal his record that as an Obstetrician/Gynecologist at a predominantly

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Black teaching hospital, he would have been involved with abortion procedures. It is insane to suppose that the President's handlers chose to conceal this area of Dr. Foster's career and not expect a witch-hunting frenzy on the part of the press, which I might add is occurring now.

I accept the statements by the President's staff that they made a mistake in handling the nomination and concur with them that the strong credentials Dr. Foster brings to the position of Surgeon General outweighs presidential staff bungling and error or at worst misjudgment

Finally and to encapsulate, abortion is a legal medical procedure in the United States and Dr. Foster broke no law of the United States over the last 30 years when he performed this medical procedure in the rarest of cases.

Dr. Foster possesses integrity in that he openly and publicly owned up to his miscalculation of how many abortion procedures he has performed. When he had time to re-calculate and pore over his files and records for exactitude, he corrected the error.

Also, the mistakes committed by the White House staff must not be used to derail the nomination of one of America's finest and compassionate medical professionals.

I wholeheartedly support Dr. Foster's nomination and I ask the Senate to confirm him and for the country to stand by the President's excellent choice. He should not be punished or scapegoated for the controversy and the tensions that abortion brings to the political arena for there are rational people on both sides of the battle. Better yet, there are some who are working to eliminate at the root, the instances that lead to teenage pregnancy. Dr. Foster is a general in this army and he deserves to be confirmed as Surgeon General.

Sincerely,



Henry Ponder
President

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P.O. #3, Box 173
Tadasko, Okla. 73005
March 21, 1995

Senator Kasiebaum
Committee on Labor & Human Resources
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kasiebaum:

I am writing you this letter in support of
Confirmation of Henry Foster for Surgeon General.

I have visited you here in Washington, D.C. on
March 20, 1995. People of Color Group from the
U.M.C. meetings at the Omni Shore Hotel. I am of the
race of American Indian. I would like to visit and
stay here in Washington.

Sincerely,

Senator E. D. Edwards

March 19, 1995

Gennie Cook
600 Noble St.
Norristown, PA 19401

Dear Senator Kasselbaum,

I am a white male who is 49 years old and I am writing to support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for Surgeon General and also to support the current Affirmative Action Plans in our nation. Dr Foster is very qualified for this position, and the Senate should stop wasting time and confirm his nomination. We need that position filled with a person of his skill and ability.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely
Gennie M. Cook

Madam Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am Dr. David Satcher, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. I am a personal friend and colleague of Dr. Henry Foster. It is in the latter two capacities that I am honored to submit this statement for the record in support of Dr. Henry Foster's nomination to be Surgeon General of the United States.

I share enthusiasm for Dr. Henry Foster's nomination for Surgeon General with the multitude of individuals who have known and worked with him over the last 20 to 30 years. I believe that Dr. Foster would bring to the Surgeon General's position a background that combines quality and personal achievement with professional excellence, community service and intervention in a way that is rare in the history of our Nation.

The problems that we, as a Nation, face today are complex and multifaceted, so, too, are their solutions. The extraordinary and diverse leadership qualities necessary to meeting these challenges are inherent in Dr. Foster's background, experience and commitment. Indeed, the controversies that some have raised surrounding Dr. Foster's appointment only serve to point-out how acutely apropos his background and experience are to the major health related issues facing our Nation.

Since President Clinton announced the nomination of Dr. Foster for Surgeon General, enthusiastic support has come from all sectors of our society. He has received bipartisan support from diverse groups and individual citizens from Nashville, Tennessee and throughout the country. Church leaders from varying denominations have written and spoken out in support of Dr. Foster's nomination, including those closest to him: Dr. Sherman Tribble, pastor of the First Baptist Church Capitol Hill in Nashville, where Dr. Foster has been a member, and Rabbi Randall Falk of The Jewish Temple, who has been a leader in the Jewish community in Nashville for years. College presidents and deans of medical schools have written positively and spoken out affirmatively, offering their deep personal and abiding support. Professional groups from the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, to the American Public Health Association and the Association of Schools of Public Health, have asserted their enthusiastic support. Business and community leaders throughout the country, including the Mayor of Nashville, have come forward to express their support for his nomination.

Before President Clinton announced Dr. Foster's nomination, other well-known persons lauded his credibility, as a human being and as a professional. In 1991, President George Bush named Dr. Foster's "I Have A Future" program one of his "Thousand Points of Light" and then-Secretary of Health and Human Services, Louis Sullivan, was sent to Nashville to personally present Dr. Foster with a "Thousand Points of Light" Award. Later, President Bush invited Dr. Foster to meet

personally with him at Disney World where he again recognized Dr. Foster's contribution in the area of teenage pregnancy prevention. Lamar Alexander, as Governor of Tennessee, often expressed his admiration for Dr. Henry Foster -- in fact, the Governor appointed him to the Project 2000 board and the Governor's wife was a volunteer in Dr. Foster's Maternal and Child Health Program at Meharry Hubbard Hospital in Nashville.

What can I add to the chorus of enthusiastic supporters of Henry Foster's nomination? As one who worked closely with Dr. Foster at Meharry Medical College for almost 12 years, I believe I know Dr. Foster well as a human being and professional. After Dr. Foster chaired the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Meharry Medical College for almost 20 years, I appointed him Special Assistant to the President in 1989, and it was I who subsequently appointed Dr. Foster Dean of the School of Medicine and Vice President for Health Affairs in 1990. During my last years as President of Meharry, I worked very closely with Dr. Foster, on a day-to-day basis, as we struggled to tackle and resolve major, historically significant, issues facing Meharry Medical College.

Let me again say that I agree with all of those who have so enthusiastically spoken out in support of Dr. Foster's nomination. He is indeed a special human being -- in his intellect, fairness, integrity, talent as a medical professional and, as most Americans have most recently witnessed, his fortitude is exceptional.

President Reagan, in 1983, wrote a letter to Meharry Medical College on the occasion of the burning of the mortgage on Hubbard Hospital attesting to the incredible odds against which Meharry had not only survived, but to the significant contributions the College had made to this Nation. During a period in which more than 90 percent of historically black hospitals closed their doors in this country, Meharry Medical College struggled to keep its hospital open, recognizing its own immeasurable and unequalled importance in the education and training of African American physicians. According to a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation report in 1980, Meharry Medical College had educated almost 50 percent of the black physicians and dentists who practiced in this country at that time. Meharry's Hubbard Hospital patients were overwhelmingly poor and African American and the institution received very little support for the care of indigent patients. Yet in this environment, Dr. Foster's students not only performed well locally and nationally, but they were impassioned about their learning experience; his former residents continue to sing his praise as they practice throughout this Nation.

In 1992, when I set out as President to find 100 Meharry Medical College alumni who would pledge \$100,000 each to a Year 2000 Campaign, I received more pledges from obstetricians and gynecologists who had been trained by Dr. Foster than from any other group of Meharry graduates. These contributors made clear their feelings about what they felt they owed the institution, and they were especially, and

particularly, appreciative of what Dr. Foster had contributed to their careers.

Dr. Foster's exceptional managerial skills were manifested in many ways at this difficult time, in this difficult environment. But perhaps no experience is more demonstrative of these skills than his contribution to the merger of Meharry Hubbard Hospital and Nashville General Hospital. After four years of intense effort, in August of 1992, the Nashville City Council approved the Meharry Medical College proposal for merger with the City Hospital -- a milestone in the historic relationship between the institution and the city. A "condition" of the merger was that Meharry Medical College would have less than one year to recruit the near-60 additional clinical faculty required for Meharry to replace Vanderbilt at the City Hospital. No one could imagine how such a task could be accomplished in so little time. Often, more than one year is required to recruit a single physician to an academic health center or to government.

As Dean of the Meharry School of Medicine and Vice President for Health Affairs, Dr. Foster was responsible for this task. The fact that he was successful in recruiting a quality group of clinical faculty has been attested to by the Nashville media, the business leaders of Nashville, the Mayor of Nashville, and by administrators of the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Without question, the success of this recruitment effort was due to Dr. Foster's esteem and credibility in the medical community throughout this country. Physicians do not sell their homes and move their families from one city to another unless they feel an abiding trust in the person recruiting them. We should remember this as organized efforts are being made to discredit Dr. Foster and raise questions about his integrity.

Much has already been said about the "I Have A Future" program, a program whose seed money I raised from the Carnegie Corporation in New York and from Bill and Camille Cosby. What impressed me most about the way that Dr. Foster and his staff developed and implemented this program was their involvement of parents and the community in planning the interventions. In essence, Dr. Foster gave teenagers a purpose for abstaining from early sex and a purpose for avoiding high risk sexual behavior. He convinced these young people that they, too, could have a positive future. He spoke with authority and caring and with the conviction of his personal values and experience.

What has probably been missed in all of the discussion about this particular program is the fact that over one-half of its teenage participants have been young African American males. This is a group that we as a Nation build fences to keep out and prisons to keep in. In nominating Dr. Foster for Surgeon General, I believe that President Clinton saw an opportunity to make a positive impact on a major problem in this country, that of teenage pregnancy; a problem that disproportionately affects African Americans; a problem that must be dealt with as one stemming from the interaction of young African

American males and females, not simply as a problem of teenage females.

Let me end by saying a few words about some of the controversy that has been raised surrounding Dr. Foster's nomination. Despite the fact that abortions are legal in this country, as a Nation, we continue to struggle with this issue. Most of us do not like abortions and would like for them to be as rare as possible. I am personally convinced that Dr. Foster believes that abortions, although legal, should be extremely rare, and that they should be provided in a very safe environment. With his work surrounding teenage pregnancy prevention, he has prevented many abortions.

Let me speak briefly to the Tuskegee Study about which Dr. Foster is now receiving some criticism. In my opinion, this criticism of Dr. Foster is entirely inappropriate. The Public Health Service initiated the Tuskegee Study in 1932 and continued it until 1972. When treatment became available for syphilis in the late 1940s, the study, which observed over 400 black men without treatment, continued until 1972. The Public Health Service takes full responsibility for the Tuskegee Study and continues to provide reimbursement for lifetime medical care for the men in the study, their spouses, and offspring as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. We are all committed that such a study will never happen again.

For those who speak of abolishing the position of Surgeon General in this country, I would say that such a decision would be a grave mistake. It is the same as saying there should be no voice or leadership for Public Health. Furthermore, I am convinced that Dr. Foster's appointment to Surgeon General would be an asset for this Nation at this time in our history. I am persuaded that, as Surgeon General, Dr. Henry Foster would make a positive difference in the lives of many young people in this country; that as a Nation we would advance in preventing teenage pregnancies. Like so many others, even in the midst of controversy, I wish to express my confidence in both his extraordinary talents and his steadfast integrity.

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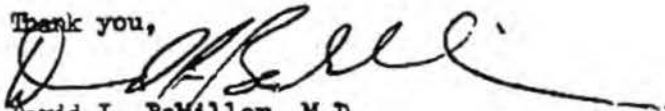
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Chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources

Dear Senator Kassebaum,

I support Dr. Foster's nomination as Surgeon General.

Thank you,


David L. Bemiller, M.D.

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Dwight P. Cruikshank, M.D.
McMahon Professor and Chairman

Department of
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February 7, 1995

The Honorable Nancy Kassebaum
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am writing to urge you to support the nomination of Henry Foster, M.D. for Surgeon General of the United States. I am a prolife obstetrician/gynecologist, as evidenced by my membership in the American Association of Prolife Obstetricians and Gynecologists. I do not condone elective abortion, and I agree with various right to life organizations on most issues.

However, on the issue of the nomination of Dr. Foster, the right to life groups are wrong. The fact that he has done a few abortions does not detract from the fact that his entire career has been dedicated to the welfare and health of women and children. He is a thoughtful, articulate, hardworking physician who will do an outstanding job as Surgeon General, and I urge you to consider his nomination seriously.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Dwight P. Cruikshank, M.D.
McMahon Professor and Chairman
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

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March 6, 1995

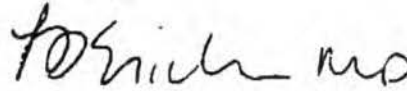
Senator Nancy Kassebaum
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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

This is a letter of support for Dr. Henry Foster's nomination for Surgeon General. Like any nominee, he should be judged on the totality of his career, his leadership, and commitment to public health. He is an exceptional candidate and holds promise for providing some leadership which can actually make an impact.

I sincerely hope that you will strongly support Dr. Henry Foster's nomination as Surgeon General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. D. Erickson", followed by a small flourish.

L. D. Erickson, M.D.

LDE:smh

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March 21, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am a practicing gynecologist in Montgomery, Alabama.
I strongly support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster
for Surgeon General.

Sincerely,



James H. Alford, Jr., M.D.

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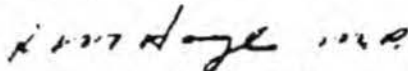
March 20, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor
and Human Resources
302 Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am writing this letter to support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for Surgeon General. I am very aware of his many fine professional accomplishments, and I have also had the pleasure of knowing him personally. I feel that he has the qualities that would make him an excellent Surgeon General.

Sincerely,



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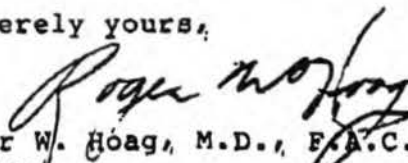
March 22, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum, Chairman
Senate Committee on Labor & Human Resources
302 Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

This letter is written to support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for Surgeon General of the United States. Although I do not know Dr. Foster personally, I am very familiar with his background and qualifications, which I find to be outstanding, and probably impeccable. His work with teenagers to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy was a model program and undoubtedly helped to avert many unfortunate pregnancies that might have been terminated by abortion. I support his abortion record. It seems to me it is quite limited, and I feel that any obstetrician and gynecologist who lacks religious or moral convictions against abortion has a duty to patients to be able to perform this necessary and often life-saving procedure. His leadership and his career and commitment to public health are outstanding and I feel that it would be a real tragedy if his nomination does not go forward.

Sincerely yours,


Roger W. Hoag, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.
RWH/sr

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Via Fax# (202)488-3985

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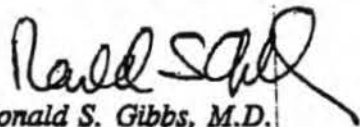
Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Dr. Henry Foster as candidate for Surgeon General. I have known Dr. Foster through professional relationships for over a decade and can attest to the fact of his high standing in the profession. His leadership role in professional organizations such as being President of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, his Acting Presidency of Meharry Medical College and his Directorship of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology are all well documented. His directorship of the Meharry Medical School's program "I have a future" encouraged teenagers to delay sexual activity through development of job skills and self esteem.

I wish to emphasize that Dr. Foster, like any nominee, should be judged on the totality of his career, his commitment to public health, and his leadership skills. Issues raised by some organizations such as the number of abortions performed by Dr. Foster, I believe, are totally irrelevant. Abortion is a legal procedure in the United States, and a large percentage of obstetricians and gynecologists have received training in performing abortions. It is noteworthy that within the past month the Residency Review Committee for Obstetrics and Gynecology required teaching of abortion techniques in residency training programs.

I hope that you will consider these thoughts and pass favorably upon Dr. Foster's nomination. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Ronald S. Gibbs, M.D.
Professor and Chairman
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March 21, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Chairman of the Senate Committee on
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302 Russell Bldg.
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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am writing to ask for your Committee's support of Henry Foster for Surgeon General. As an ob/gyn program director who has been active with the Residency Review Committee for Ob/Gyn, I have had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Foster previously, and have always been impressed with his intellect, leadership and dedication. I am certain that you are familiar with his extensive background and qualifications, and all I could possibly add to that is that he is extremely well respected by his colleagues in ob/gyn education.

Thus, I hope that your Committee will agree in supporting his nomination. I hope that the committee will not be distracted by side issues, but rather would judge him on his lifetime career of education, leadership and commitment to the public good. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Richard Allen, M.D.

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302 RUSSELL BLDG.
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DEAR SENATOR KASSEBAUM:

I AM WRITING IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION

OF DR. HENRY FOSTER FOR THE OFFICE OF SURGEON GENERAL.
HIS QUALIFICATIONS ARE NUMEROUS AND OBVIOUS.

- HE WAS DEAN OF MICHIGAN MEDICAL SCHOOL.
- HE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OB/GYN.
- HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS OF GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS.
- HE WAS ACTING PRESIDENT OF MICHIGAN MEDICAL SCHOOL.
- HE DIRECTED THE "I HAVE A FUTURE" PROGRAM WHICH PROMOTED RESPONSIBILITY, THE DELAYING OF TEEN SEXUAL ACTIVITY, AND THE BUILDING OF JOB SKILLS.

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OUT OF PRIVATE DECISIONS AS POSSIBLE. WHY THE DIFFERENT
STANCE ON THE MOST PERSONAL DECISIONS?
PLEASE CONFIRM DR. FOSTER. Thank You, Edward L. Cohen, MD



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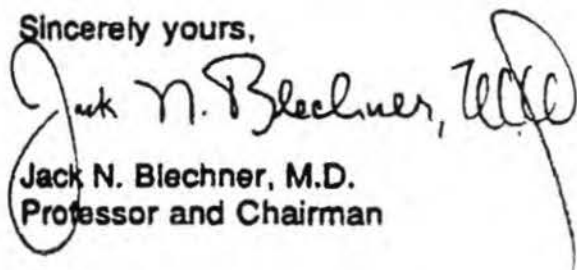
Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am writing to urge you to support President Clinton's nomination of Dr. Henry Foster as Surgeon General. I have known Dr. Foster throughout my academic career and particularly during my tenure as Professor and Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Connecticut Health Center for the past 25 years. I hold him in the highest regard. He is an exemplary candidate for the position of Surgeon General and will serve this country with distinction if confirmed by the Senate.

Dr. Foster has served underprivileged women for his entire career. He has an outstanding professional record, and he should be judged upon the entirety of that record, not just on the issue of abortion for which he is now under attack.

Thank you for considering my recommendation. I would be pleased to provide any additional information you may need.

Sincerely yours,


Jack N. Blechner, M.D.
Professor and Chairman



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Sincerely,

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RE: DR. HENRY FOSTER

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

It is with pride I write this letter of support for Dr. Henry Foster's nomination as Surgeon General. It has been a privilege knowing Dr. Foster and working with him on a number of occasions to improve the health care of women in the United States. Dr. Foster is a dedicated individual committed to quality health care for all individuals. It is especially important to note his commitment to education and public health as judged by his "I have a future" program. His strength of character and his commitment to health, disease prevention and improved quality of life make him an ideal candidate for Surgeon General.

I again strongly express my support for Dr. Henry Foster's nomination as Surgeon General.

Sincerely,

Lamar Ekbladh, M.D.
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Senator Nancy Kassebaum
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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I have known Dr. Henry Foster for over 30 years and spent 6 of those years with him when we both served on the Council for Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology. I have also frequently interacted with him in his role as President of the Association of Professors in Obstetrics and Gynecology (APGO) this past year.

Dr. Foster is certainly one of the finest, outstanding physician educators in Obstetrics and Gynecology. Over his career, he has always been committed to the care of under-served patients. He is outstanding and diplomatic in his role as a leader.

I support his nomination as Surgeon General and feel he would do an excellent job. I feel he should be judged on the totality of his career, his leadership, commitment to public health and proven accomplishments. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance in my support of Dr. Foster.

Sincerely

Robert J. Thompson, M.D.
Professor and Associate Chairman

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March 20, 1995

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Dear Honorable Senator Nancy Kassebaum:

I am writing regarding the Surgeon General nominee, Dr. Henry Foster. I would like to speak in his favor and hope he is judged on his total life work, particularly his "I Have a Future" (program for teenagers) including his lifetime of work with teenagers, helping them to build self esteem, job skills, social responsibility, and abstinence.

I would also hope that his nomination will not be held hostage to the problem of abortion, and that the committee will not allow personally held religious beliefs to interfere with that which is in the best interest of this country.

Again, I would urge you to approve Dr. Foster for Surgeon General.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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March 21, 1995

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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

This letter is in support of the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster as Surgeon General. Dr. Foster has the experience and expertise to be an outstanding Surgeon General. He has experience in clinical and academic medicine. He has demonstrated administrative skills as a former President of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, and acting President of Meharry Medical College. In addition he has served as dean of Meharry's medical school and director of their department of obstetrics and gynecology.

It is my opinion that a major public health problem we are facing today is the large numbers of unwed mothers and unplanned pregnancies. I became acutely aware of this problem when I recently discovered that in my county (Baldwin County) in 1992 the percent of unwed births was 54.1%. The rate for the State of Georgia for 1992 was 35.8%. The percent of unwed births to teenage mothers in my county was 26.9% and for the State 33.5%. Dr. Foster has the experience and commitment to help find solutions for these problems.

Please consider that Dr. Foster should be judged on the totality of his career and the leadership and commitment he has demonstrated for public health. I believe if he is judged fairly on the basis of his qualifications his nomination will be approved.

Sincerely,



Samuel M. Goodrich, M.D.

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Senator Nancy Kassebaum,
Chair of the Senate Committee on
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Dear Senator Kassebaum,

I am writing to urge you to support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster to the position of Surgeon General of the United States. I have already contacted my two senators from Illinois.

I am sure that you are well aware of the many professional achievements of Dr. Foster. He was awarded these accolades by his peers because he represented a standard of excellence in the broadest aspects of health care. Certainly, there are those who differ in their opinions of specific activities, yet realized that Henry Foster merited the presidency of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics which is a national organization. He also served as chairman and dean of a major medical school which is an honor but involves making responsible, medical and administrative decisions on a daily basis that effect the welfare of patients, students, and colleagues.

Senator Kassebaum, Dr. Foster represents what all good obstetricians and gynecologists should be. He is the doctor I want for my daughter and my granddaughters.

I hope you will consider him on the totality of his career, his professional qualifications and on his personal integrity.

Sincerely yours,

Melvin V. Gerbie, M.D., President

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Uwe E. Freese, M.D.
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March 20, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Chairman Of The Senate Committee On
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I am writing this letter in support of my friend and esteemed colleague, Henry Foster, who has been nominated by President Clinton to be the next Surgeon General.

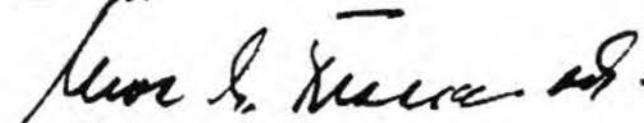
I have known Dr. Foster for more than 20 years and have followed his career as an academician and practicing obstetrician and gynecologist. He is an individual with impeccable credentials and must be recognized as a caring and innovative physician who is truly devoted to his mission as an educator and physician.

It is for those reasons that I am saddened by current developments surrounding his nomination. Allegations against him are exaggerated by any standard and totally misread his character, attitude and human qualities.

Dr. Foster is without question very well qualified for the job and you should support his nomination with all power at your disposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

The Chicago Gynecological Society wishes to express their support of President Clinton's nomination of Henry Foster, M.D. for the position of Surgeon General of the United States. Henry Foster exemplifies a wise and caring obstetrician gynecologist who has led the Mehary Medical School in past years. The Chicago Gynecological Society feels so strongly about Henry Foster that we are offering him the Presidential Guest Lectureship of the Chicago Gynecological Society for next year. We commend him to you as a physician worthy of the position. We hope that you will provide him a fair hearing and swift confirmation to the position of Surgeon General of the United States. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Chairman of Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources
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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I strongly support Dr. Henry Foster's nomination as Surgeon General. During his thirty plus years in obstetrics and gynecology, he has distinguished himself in many ways. He developed "I HAVE A FUTURE" to help prevent a major U.S. health and social problem, namely teenage pregnancy. The goal of this program is for young men and women to have an appropriate amount of self esteem to allow them to make wise health choices about delaying sexual activity and most certainly delaying unintended pregnancy. This program has been highly successful in the Nashville area. Dr. Foster is certainly the type of spokesman that we need to help get the message to the rest of our country that we need to put a stop to early sexual activity, and most definitely need to put a stop to unplanned teenage pregnancies. I certainly hope your committee will look at the entirety of Dr. Foster's career and credentials. His "I HAVE A FUTURE" program is just one example of his leadership and commitment to public health.

Again, I urge your support of Dr. Foster's nomination.

Sincerely,


Ted Haas, M.D.

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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Dr. Henry Foster as Surgeon General of the United States. I would hope that the Committee would judge Dr. Foster on the basis of his whole career, his qualifications in the field of public health and his commitment to leadership. Judging from his credentials, I am confident he will appear before the Committee as an excellent witness on his own behalf.

Thank you, Senator, for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

W. Dow Edgerton, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.
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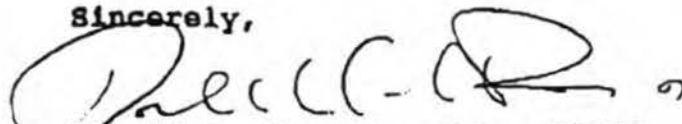
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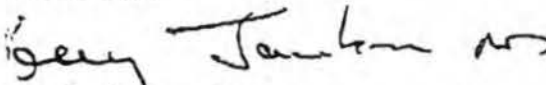
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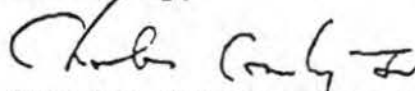
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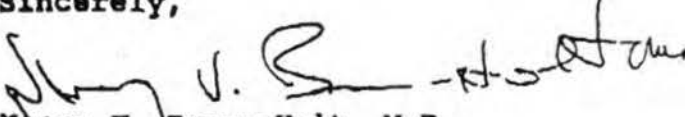
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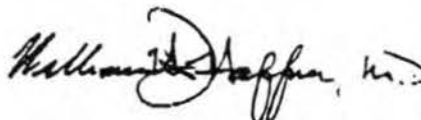
Dear Senator Kassebaum:

Henry Foster, M.D. is an exceptional candidate for confirmation as Surgeon General of the United States. He is widely known and respected as a superb physician and academician who is intensely committed to making a difference. I have considerable personal knowledge of Dr. Foster as well as of the role he would play as the leader of public health in this country and find that he would be truly outstanding in this role.

Among Dr. Foster's qualifications and contributions, I would like to point out that he is the immediate past president of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, he served as acting president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, he was dean of Meharry's medical school, and he was chairman of their department of obstetrics and gynecology. He has the highest reputation as physician and teacher. He directed Meharry's "I have a Future" program, which encouraged teenagers to delay sexual activity by building their self esteem and their job skills. He promoted responsibility and abstinence. He earned his medical degree from the University of Arkansas in 1958.

Clearly, Dr. Foster possesses the skills, experience, and professional attributes to be our Surgeon General. I believe that his nomination should be judged on the totality of his career, his leadership, and his commitment to the health of the public. I urge that the Committee consider all of these factors in its deliberations.

Sincerely,

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William H.J. Haffner, M.D.

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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

As you know President Clinton has nominated Henry Foster M.D. as Surgeon General. I am greatly concerned that this superbly qualified person for the position is being opposed because he has admittedly performed abortions. On the other hand I quickly add that Henry has directed the "I Have a Future" program while he was Dean of Meharry's Medical School. This was a program which encouraged teenagers to delay sexual activity by building their job skills and self-esteem, and promoted responsibility and abstinence.

Dr. Foster is a fine person, sensitive, kind, considerate, highly competent and a consensus builder. He has been devoted to the health care of women especially those women who are from minorities and are disadvantaged. As an obstetrician-gynecologist he has earned a fine national reputation as a Departmental Chairman, Dean, and Acting President of Meharry Medical School, a school that has been educating black doctors for over 100 years. He has recently served as President of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, a national organization dedicated to medical student teaching. It is not appropriate to discredit Dr. Foster by labeling him an abortionist. In short, I hope Dr. Foster will be judged on the totality of his career, including his leadership, and commitment to public health. He has wide support from several medical organizations including The American Medical Association, The American Academy of Pediatrics and The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

You may not have taken a position on Dr. Foster's nomination at this time withholding judgement to allow the confirmation process to work. I do want you to know that Dr. Henry Foster is a superb choice and that I endorse him unreservedly. He will serve our nation well.

Sincerely,


Fredric D. Frigoletto, Jr., M.D.



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I am writing to express my support for Dr. Henry Foster's nomination as Surgeon General.

Dr. Foster is a practicing obstetrician-gynecologist with over 37 years' of experience. He is a past President of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO) and also served as acting president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. He was dean of Meharry's medical school and director of their department of obstetrics and gynecology. Of his many achievements, one was directing Meharry's "I Have a Future" program which encouraged teenagers to delay sexual activity by building their job skills and self-esteem, and promoted responsibility and abstinence.

Unfortunately, some organizations have opposed Dr. Foster's nomination for a variety of reasons that are not relevant to his qualifications to serve as Surgeon General. The issue of abortion is a distraction from his many achievements. Dr. Foster, like any nominee, should be judged on the totality of his career, his leadership and commitment to public health.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to support Dr. Foster's nomination for Surgeon General. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. Gene McNeeley".

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THE HONORABLE NANCY KASSEBAUM
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DEAR SENATOR KASSEBAUM:

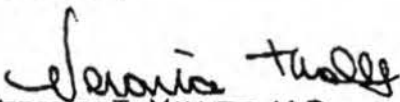
I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR DR. HENRY FOSTER'S NOMINATION AS SURGEON GENERAL.

DR. FOSTER IS A PRACTICING OBSTETRICIAN-GYNECOLOGIST WITH OVER 37 YEARS' OF EXPERIENCE. HE IS A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSORS OF GYNECOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS (APGO) AND ALSO SERVED AS ACTING PRESIDENT OF MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. HE WAS DEAN OF MEHARRY'S MEDICAL SCHOOL AND DIRECTOR OF THEIR DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY. OF HIS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS, ONE WAS DIRECTING MEHARRY'S "I HAVE A FUTURE" PROGRAM WHICH ENCOURAGED TEENAGERS TO DELAY SEXUAL ACTIVITY BY BUILDING THEIR JOB SKILLS AND SELF-ESTEEM, AND PROMOTED RESPONSIBILITY AND ABSTINENCE.

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME ORGANIZATIONS HAVE OPPOSED DR. FOSTER'S NOMINATION FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS THAT ARE NOT RELEVANT TO HIS QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS SURGEON GENERAL. THE ISSUE OF ABORTION IS A DISTRACTION FROM HIS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS. DR. FOSTER, LIKE ANY NOMINEE, SHOULD BE JUDGED ON THE TOTALITY OF HIS CAREER, HIS LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK YOU TO SUPPORT DR. FOSTER'S NOMINATION FOR SURGEON GENERAL. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME IF I MAY BE OF ANY FURTHER ASSISTANCE.

SINCERELY,


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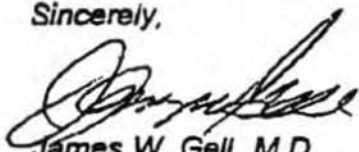
RE: Henry Foster, M.D.

Dear Senator Kassebaum::

I am extremely supportive of Dr. Henry Foster's nomination as Surgeon General. He has the appropriate strengths and background to serve in this capacity. He has the administrative skills necessary for the position, which is demonstrated by his having served as Acting President of Meharry Medical College. His concern for the devastating effects of teenage pregnancy has led him to direct his school's "I Have a Future" Program, which encouraged teenagers to delay sexual activity and to build their job skills and self-esteem. This Program, which encouraged abstinence as responsible teenage behavior, is a key factor in stemming the tide of teenage pregnancy.

I hope his leadership skills and commitment will not be lost because of opposition based on issues not relevant to his superb qualifications.

Sincerely,



James W. Gell, M.D.
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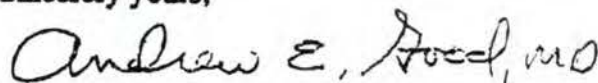
Dear Senator Kassebaum:

This letter is to encourage your endorsement of Doctor Henry Foster for the position of Surgeon General.

Doctor Foster's extraordinary credentials are well known to you. I realize that politics have raised their ugly head in this process. This should not be allowed to interfere with the appointment of a man so obviously qualified to do the critical tasks--that is publicizing teenage pregnancy, increasing responsibility on the part of the individual, etc.--that the Surgeon General does.

I encourage you to act favorably on his nomination.

Sincerely yours,



Andrew E. Good, M.D.

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RE: Henry Foster M.D. Surgeon General Nominee

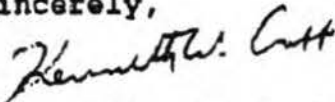
Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I urge you to approve Dr. Foster's nomination as our new Surgeon General. He has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills. He has served as president of the American Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics, he's also served as acting president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. In addition, he has served as Dean of Meharry's Medical School and Director of the Department of OB/GYN. As a practitioner he has encouraged teens to delay sexual activity by building their job skills and self esteem. He has promoted responsibility and abstinence. With his direction of the medical school's "I Have A Future" program, he has demonstrated his commitment to public health.

In short, I feel he is very well qualified to serve as Surgeon General. He should be judged on the totality of his career, his leadership and commitment to public health. I think he earns "A's" in all these areas. I would encourage you and your committee and then the full Senate to approve his nomination.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Kenneth W. Crabb, M.D., FACOG

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Attention: Department of Government Relations

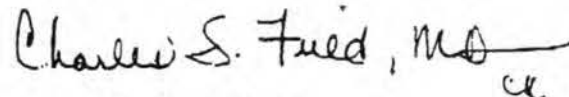
Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I would like to enthusiastically endorse the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for Surgeon General.

From my perspective, as a practicing physician in Obstetrics and Gynecology for the past 17 years, I find Dr. Foster to be authentic as a physician and see nothing inconsistent in how he has presented himself. His work with teenagers to delay sexual activity and avoid unintended pregnancy is of the utmost importance and his overall pragmatism needs to be recognized and encouraged, not ignored and suppressed by those who want to identify everything in terms of the abortion issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Field, M.D. 

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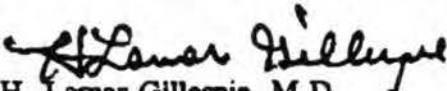
Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I am writing you in support of Dr. Henry Foster's nomination as Surgeon General. Dr. Foster has devoted many years in efforts to improve medical care in this country. He is a former President of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics and has also served as acting President of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. He was dean of Meharry's Medical School and director of their department of obstetrics and gynecology. He directed the school's "I Have a Future" program which encouraged teenagers to delay sexual activity by building their job skills and self esteem and promoted responsibility and abstinence.

I first met Dr. Foster approximately two years ago and found him to be a caring, dedicated physician who I believe has all the qualifications to be our Surgeon General.

I urge you to support Dr. Foster's nomination as Surgeon General.

Sincerely,


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Dear Senator Kasselbaum:

I am writing to you in support of Henry Foster's nomination for Surgeon General. Dr. Foster is a past President of the Association of Professors of Obstetrics and Gynecology and former President of Meharry Medical College. He has also been chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Dean of the Medical School at Meharry. He has earned national recognition for his performance at those positions.

There has been opposition to Dr. Foster's nomination for various reasons that I believe are not relevant to his qualifications for the position of Surgeon General. I think Dr. Foster should be judged on his overall professional and personal performance including his leadership and commitment.

It would be a pity to fail to get approval to for Dr. Foster's nomination for reasons not related to his qualifications. The latter have been clearly demonstrated throughout his professional career.

I shall hope that you will give Dr. Foster your unbiased evaluation and come to the conclusion that he is indeed an outstanding candidate.

Sincerely,

Luis B. Curet, M.D.
Professor/Director, Maternal Fetal Medicine

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Senator Nancy Kassebaum, Chairman
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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

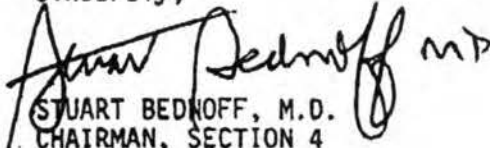
I am writing this letter in support of President Clinton's nomination of Dr. Foster for the position of Surgeon General.

I highly support the President's nomination and would encourage you to judge the fine academic and medical record of the Doctor, rather than judge on the issue of whether or not he had performed abortions during the course of training and in the proper performance of the duties as a House Officer and Attending Physician on the staff of the hospitals in which he has served.

Dr. Foster has demonstrated the high qualities necessary for a position of this kind. He has served, as you well know, as Acting-President of a Medical College in Tennessee. He was Dean of the Medical School of the same College and Director of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology. I am sure that none of these titles would be bestowed upon an individual whose credentials could not be outstanding. He has also demonstrated his concern for the well being of the youngsters in our country, by directing a school program which encouraged that teenagers delay sexual activity by promoting responsibility and abstinence.

I believe that if you study his credentials in detail, you will see the merits of this recommendation and not judge him on the basis of the issue brought up in the newspapers about abortion.

Sincerely,


STUART BEDNOFF, M.D.
CHAIRMAN, SECTION 4
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Brent DuBois, M.D.

March 21, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Chairman, Senate Committee on Labor and Human Relations
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Dear Senator Kassebaum,

I support Dr. Henry Foster, M.D., as a candidate for Surgeon General.

I am very disappointed in the consideration given his distant past medical practices. It appears Dr. Foster's actions in the past were consistent with the standard of care at the time. Science should constantly evolve. Therefore the best thing that can happen to patients is a constant refinement and improvements of practices. We should all hope that the things we consider standard today are replaced by better treatments in the future.

Judging Dr. Foster's past by today's standards is anti-intellectual, regressive and sounds like demagoguery.

I hope reason prevails and Dr. Foster is appointed.

Sincerely,



Giuseppe Del Priore, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.O.G.





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Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Chairman of the Senate Committee
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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

It is with pleasure, and a degree of urgency, that I write this letter of strong support for Dr. Henry Foster, President Clinton's nominee for Surgeon General.

I have known and respected Dr. Foster during his tenure as president of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO), and am well aware of his work with adolescents. As I am sure you know, his project "I Have A Future" was intended to encourage adolescents to delay their sexual activity and strongly promoted abstinence.

There have been obvious attempts to discredit Dr. Foster's entire professional career on the basis of his having performed abortions. Abortion counseling, as well as the provision of abortion services, is part and parcel of obstetrical and gynecological care. Indeed, it has recently been further legitimized in the required training of residents in OB/GYN. The provision of options for women who are sexually active and who may find themselves unintentionally pregnant, is part of the total care any physician should provide to his patients.

I strongly urge your support, and point out that there are few candidates who are as well qualified for this position as is Dr. Henry Foster. Thank you for your support.

Yours truly,

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March 20, 1995

Senator Nancy Kassebaum
Chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor
and Human Resources
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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

This letter is written in strong support of the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for the position of Surgeon General of the United States. I have known Dr. Foster for many years and can assure you that he is an intelligent, competent, hard working, selfless individual who is a credit to the medical profession. Furthermore, I believe he is one of the few people in the United States to have done anything effective in dealing with the enormously difficult problem of teenage pregnancy. I am sure that he would be a persuasive and effective spokesman for rational public health policies that would be of major benefit to the citizens of this country.

As a practicing Obstetrician Gynecologist I greatly resent the fact that anti-abortion groups have rallied to put Dr. Foster's nomination in jeopardy because he has done a small number of legal procedures which they find objectionable. It seems ludicrous to me to deny public office to a man who has followed his conscience and adhered to the law of the land. In addition to essentially guaranteeing that almost all Obstetrician Gynecologists would have difficulty obtaining an important public office at any time in the foreseeable future, a defeat of Dr. Foster on this issue, in my opinion, sets an extremely dangerous precedent which will further diminish the dwindling pool of talented people who are willing to undertake public service. I urge you to not only vote in favor of Dr. Foster's nomination, but to speak out against this attempt at tyranny by a minority of well organized and highly vocal spokespeople for the anti-abortion coalition.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Berkowitz, M.D.

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EDGAR S. HENRIQUES, M.D., F.R.C.S. (C), F.A.C.O.G.

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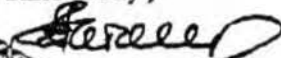
Dear Senator Kassebaum:

Please support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for Surgeon
General.

Dr. Foster is a very well respected Obstetrician/Gynecologist
who has excelled in academic research and the practice of
medicine. His "I have a future" program has helped many
teenagers.

Although I have seen many objections to his nomination, I feel
he should be judged on his commitment to public health, his
leadership and his career. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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March 20, 1995

The Honorable Nancy Kassebaum
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RE: Dr. Henry Foster

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I write to support the consideration of the above-noted individual for the important position of Surgeon General of the United States. I have known Dr. Foster for over 20 years and have had the pleasure of working with him in a number of settings. My one request of you and your committee is that Dr. Foster, like any other nominee, should be judged on the totality of his career, his leadership, and his commitment to the public health arena.

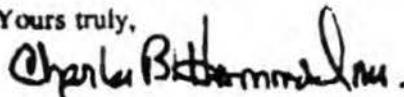
Dr. Foster received his M.D. degree from the University of Arkansas. After receiving his formal training in obstetrics and gynecology, he rapidly rose through the academic ranks to become acting president of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. In addition, he served as dean of Meharry's medical school and Chairman of their Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Foster led the university's "I Have a Future" program which encouraged teenagers to delay sexual activity by building their job skills and self-esteem and promoted responsibility and abstinence.

Dr. Foster has also been recognized throughout our specialty. He rose to the office of President of the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics (APGO), our premiere teaching organization within academic medical centers.

It is my firm belief that Dr. Foster is of high moral and ethical character, has a career of proven support for public health issues, and I believe that he should be positively judged on his overall career. I know of no one that I think would make a better Surgeon General.

If I can provide any further information, I would be delighted to do so.

Yours truly,



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E.C. Hamblen Professor and Chairman

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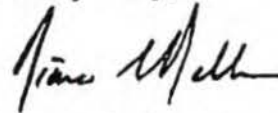
Re: Support for Dr. Foster's Nomination

Dear Senator Kassebaum:

I urge you to support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster for the position of Surgeon General of the United States.

He has the skills and experience to address some of the most serious health problems in America. He has adequately demonstrated his dedication to public health -- especially the health of poor teenagers. We deserve to have a physician of his character in this vital position.

Yours very truly,



Diana L. Dell, M.D.
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Senator Nancy Kassebaum
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Dear Senator Kassebaum:

It is with great pleasure that I support the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster as Surgeon General. I have known Dr. Foster for many years and have collaborated with him on national efforts relating to the management of high risk obstetrical patients. He is a kind, considerate and competent individual who acts in a most responsible manner in whatever he undertakes. The Surgeon General's office should be the beacon of policies leading to national health issues that have broad-based impact; for example, the wars on smoking and AIDS were very effectively developed by the Surgeon General's office. What more could we need than a war on teenage pregnancy? Our teenage pregnancy rate compared with other developed countries is abominable. We need primary prevention strategies such as Dr. Henry Foster's "I Have A Future" program. Dr. Henry Foster has demonstrated that he can do this, and we must give him support. Through the office of Surgeon General, we will be able to accomplish one of the greatest healthcare advances in the United States. Please give every consideration to supporting the nomination of Dr. Henry Foster. Your committee and our country will not be disappointed.

Sincerely,

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Dear Senator Kassebaum,

I would like to express my support for the nomination of Dr. Foster as Surgeon General. I feel this man has an excellent record as a gynecologist and as a humanitarian. I feel that the few amount of obstetrical terminations he performed are of no consequence to his skills as Surgeon General.

Again, I would like to express my support.

Sincerely,

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