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The American Woman

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Dear Ms. Caputo:

I am pleased to send you the fifth edition of The American Woman. This publication, prepared by the Women's Research and Education Institute (WREI), provides the most comprehensive status report available on the diversity of issues affecting women's lives. This fifth edition spotlights women's health and access to health care.

Given the national focus on health care reform, The American Woman's focus on health is especially timely. Essays by ten experts address the most significant health problems of American women today; analyze reasons for inadequate access to preventive, reproductive, and long-term care; and define effective approaches to health care reform.

In the introductory essay "The Politics of Women's Health," Rep. Pat Schroeder and Rep. Olympia Snowe, co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, forcefully argue that the deficiencies of research on women's health have led to less appropriate and less effective care for women. It was only ten years ago, they remind us, that a major, federally-funded heart disease study that excluded women "sounded the alarm about the dearth of research data on women," and led to policy changes requiring the inclusion of women in research at the federally-funded National Institutes of Health.

The American Woman 1994-95 contains a full statistical portrait that charts trends in women's employment, income, benefits, family, educational, and political status over the last thirty years. Also included are brief biographies of the 55 women elected to serve in the 103rd Congress. As in earlier editions, The American Woman 1994-95 includes an "In Review" section that highlights the central events, laws, and "firsts" that have occurred over the past two years. One of the dominant issues to emerge over this period was sexual harassment.

I believe that once the nation solves the health problems of access for women and children, we will have gone a long way toward solving the health care problems of the country as a whole. I hope that you agree with me.

Cordially,

Betty Dooley
President