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The Ambassador

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Vienna, Austria

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October 1, 1996

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I attended a small lunch today in honor of Jim Baker in Vienna. In his remarks, he was consistently supportive of your efforts related to: fighting international crime and state supported terrorism; the importance of U.S. leadership in Europe; and supporting Balkan peace efforts with numerous means apart from ground troupes. He repeatedly referred to you with respect.

Thought you'd want to know.

Best wishes,


Swanee

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NOTE to
Baker: Mr.

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN
TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9-29-96

Thank for inclusion of you
and for your support
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10-31-96

Helen -

This just came out of
Todd's office last night -

Do you think we should
send to Stacy Forster
for a reply?

Yes ☒

No ☐

10/25/96

From Clerk

Do you want me
to take copies
to Nancy for Potus

Yes ☒
No ☐

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Press Office?

Yes ☒
No ☐

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TO: TODD STERN
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FROM: JIM DORSKIND *li*

DATE: October 30, 1996

COMMEMORATIVE PROCLAMATION REQUEST

Commemoration Title: National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week

Commemoration Date(s): November 3-9, 1996

Requestor Name(s): Senator Paul Wellstone

Organization: U.S. Senate

Request Date: October 29, 1996

Congressional Support: S. Res. 300 (sponsored by Senators Wellstone, Inouye, Murray, Dodd, Frahm, Reid, Glenn, Exon, Boxer, and Kennedy)

Contact Telephone Number: 202-224-5641

History: None.

NOTES: It will be very tough to do a proper job on this proclamation in just a couple of days, even though it fits within the President's focus on domestic violence. Moreover, we already issue a proclamation specifically addressing domestic violence, and we normally don't issue "sub-proclamations." (Exception: we do issue Cancer Control Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month; but this year we explicitly decided not to issue a proclamation for Lymphoma Awareness Month, doing a message instead.)

In view of all of this, and particularly the *very* short time, I recommend a MESSAGE.

Please indicate approval or disapproval of a MESSAGE, or another recommendation:

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OK for message

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PAUL D. WELLSTONE
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October 29, 1996

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to urge you to issue a Presidential Proclamation to designate the week of November 3, 1996 as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week." For your consideration, I have enclosed a copy of Senate Resolution 300, which designates the week of November 3, 1996 as such. This resolution was agreed to by the Senate on September 28, 1996.

The term "Shaken Baby Syndrome" (SBS) describes the injuries that occur when a young child is violently shaken. The impact of this act on the health of a child is devastating. According to the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect, Shaken Baby Syndrome is so lethal that 20 to 25 percent of its victims die and most survivors often suffer brain damage. SBS accounts for 10 to 12 percent of all child abuse and neglect deaths in the United States.

On November 10, 1996, the first National Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome will convene in Salt Lake City, Utah. At this conference various medical, legal and professional groups will gather to discuss the issues surrounding SBS. To emphasize the importance of this historic conference, I urge you to issue a proclamation designating the week preceding the conference as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week."

Thank you for your continuing commitment to the health and safety of our nation's children.

Sincerely,



Paul David Wellstone
United States Senator

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104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 300

To designate the week of November 3, 1996, as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FRAHM, Mr. REID, Mr. GLENN, Mr. EXON, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER 28, 1996

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

To designate the week of November 3, 1996, as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week".

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome describes the consequences that occur when a young child is violently shaken;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome is so lethal that 20 to 25 percent of its victims die, and most survivors suffer brain damage;

Whereas Shaken Baby Syndrome accounts for 10 to 12 percent of all child abuse and neglect cases in the United States;

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Whereas 25 to 50 percent of teenagers and adults do not know that shaking a baby is dangerous;

Whereas education is the key to preventing this tragedy; and

Whereas the United States Senate has a continuing commitment to the health and safety of this Nation's children:

Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate designates the week of No-
2 vember 3, 1996, as "National Shaken Baby Syndrome
3 Awareness Week". The President is requested to issue a
4 proclamation calling upon the people of the United States
5 to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and ac-
6 tivities.

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NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH, 1996

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Domestic violence threatens the very core of what we hold dear. Millions of women and children throughout our nation are plagued by the terror of family violence each year, and approximately 20 percent of all hospital emergency room visits by women result from such violence. Family violence is a crime that transcends race, religion, ethnicity, and economic stature, and one of its greatest tragedies is its effect on our young people: as many as 3 million children witness violence in their homes each year.

We must never give up in our efforts to transform despair into hope for the women and families across this country who suffer violence at home. We must encourage all Americans to increase public awareness and understanding of domestic abuse as well as the needs of its victims. My Administration is fully engaged in this struggle, coordinating our efforts through the Violence Against Women Office at the Department of Justice and through the Department of Health and Human Services.

Legislation enacted during the past several years is also helping to overcome the scourge of domestic violence. The Violence Against Women Act that I signed into law has given law enforcement critical new tools with which to prosecute and punish criminals who intentionally prey upon women and children. The Interstate Stalking Punishment and Prevention Act of 1996, enacted just last month, makes it a Federal crime for any stalker to cross State lines to pursue a victim, whether or not there is a protection order in effect, whether or not an actual act of violence has been committed, and whether or not the stalker is the victim's spouse. And I am pleased that the Congress has just taken action to keep guns out of the hands of people with a history of domestic violence.

My Administration has also worked to increase the support available for battered women and other victims of domestic violence, including the elderly. In February, I announced the creation of a 24-hour, toll-free National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE. The response to this service has been overwhelming, and the hotline has already received over 50,000 calls — the majority from women and men who have never before reached out for assistance. This year, we will also provide increased and unprecedented resources for battered women's shelters, domestic violence prevention efforts, and children's counseling services.

There is still much more to do, however. The welfare reform legislation that I recently signed recognizes the special needs of domestic violence victims, and I urge all States to accept the option of implementing the new law's Family Violence provisions. I have also directed the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice to develop guidance for States and assist them in implementing the provisions. As we help families move from welfare to work, we must ensure that they remain safe from violence in their homes and are given the support they need to achieve independence.

As a result of these and other efforts at the national, State, and local levels, we are one step closer to eliminating domestic violence and building in its place a brighter, more secure future for our families and loved ones. I salute all those whose efforts are helping us in this endeavor and pay special tribute to the survivors of domestic violence whose courage is an inspiration to us all. I urge all Americans to join me in working toward the day when no person raises a hand in violence against a family member.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 1996 as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. I call upon all Americans to observe this month by demonstrating their respect and gratitude for all those individuals who unselfishly share their experiences, skills, and talents with those affected by domestic violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-first.

William J. Clinton