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Gentlemen:

This morning I watched the Alliance for Health Reform discussion chaired by Senator Jay Rockefeller on C-SPAN. In answer to a question about senior citizen impact on health reform, Senator Rockefeller said "the AARP does not support any plan but has indicated a preference for the Clinton plan" and incorrectly stated "only the Clinton plan deals with long term care and drugs".

The AARP has a special interest in that they sell insurance. They have chosen to ignore their membership's mandate for a single-payer system. Insurance company overhead and profit are major contributors to the escalating cost of health care.

The American Health Security Act, HR 1200, co-authored by Representative Jim McDermott, includes provisions for long term care and prescription drugs. This single-payer plan also offers equality of coverage and fair financing not offered by the Clinton plan.

Americans want choice not managed care, comprehensive coverage for all, and a tax based rather than an individual or business based system. We need to eliminate the huge subsidies for unpaid health care by getting everyone in the system. The most effective pool would include all citizens rather than the proposed alliances or the multiple systems we have today. A single-payer, single system would have the lowest administrative cost and should not be called socialism because the providers would not be employed by the government but rather would be free to compete thus preserving our system of free enterprise. Financing by taxation is most acceptable and fair with progressive income or gross profit taxes.

Sincerely,

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