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The Hon. Ron Wyden
223 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Comprehensive Health Care for all Americans

Dear Senator Wyden,

During the past seven years I worked very hard to elect Democrats to National and local office. I made the effort because I believed the country was headed in the wrong direction. Forces accumulating during the previous 30 years were gutting my country.

Some system of universal health care will be a benchmark of success – a positive change of direction. But I fear that you and your Democratic colleagues will not be bold enough to create a program that will be effective. You may not be able to produce the ideal – a single payer health care system – because of the power of the corporations. But please in your deliberations insist on at least a public option. Reform is impossible without competition that can counter the collusion of the private sector.

A further request is that you and your colleagues forthrightly support the Employee Free Choice Act. Passage of that reform will be a tiny baby step toward actually restoring the economic health of the middle class. That is imperative if we want to truly return our nation to first principles of liberty and justice for all – not only those earning more than \$280,000 a year.

Sincerely,

John Michael