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Rep. Mary Hubler  
Wisconsin State Assembly  
Madison, WI

Dear Mary,

I received your note asking for comment on Kathy Vinehout's request for your support on some health reform issues. **All of these things are just fine** but this should have been done 30 years ago not in 2009. Kathy's request for your support of these issues simply points out how special interests have dominated our legislature for so many years. With your majority we are putting lots of hope on you to use some common sense in health care reform and that means dealing with real issues and not just scratching the surface as has been done so far.

We now have Badger Care Plus and per the Governor another 100,000 insured. Yes, and a new tax on those who have insurance in the form of their premium increase due to cost shifting. This will cost the loss of insurance for many others. I only ask you when are you going to enter a bill to fix the system with a single payer plan run by citizens who will have the ability to drop costs by half? I have outlined a plan for you and if Kathy has read any of the nine books she bought from me she is aware of a plan too. If HR. 676 would be adopted and then special interests required to accept common sense Americans would have a chance. Recent polling of physicians has shown in the area of 60% of all physicians now favor a single payer plan. If a common sense bill is not entered into legislative process very little debate will occur on it. Please do it.

I had thought Barach Obama would give Single payer a chance only to find out he too is staying away from the hospital associations, professional groups, insurance companies, large clinics and the drug companies with anything meaningful. I recently was deeply encouraged by Tom Daschle's appointment only to find out how an unregistered lobbyist works. The man was a Trustee of the Mayo Clinic and was able to stop a railroad from being near the Rochester Clinic. The tax issue was the least of my concerns. When I saw who he has received money from in the health industry I was stunned. I think Pres. Obama finally caught on to his own stump speech for change and stopped this charade.

Mary, please re-read the couple of pages in my book beginning with The Road to a Health Secure America. I don't have all the answers for sure but please work on a plan that addresses the issues. I have changed only one item in my plan and that it is not voluntary. I hope it does not take a 100 million without insurance to prompt reasonable action but it could happen.

Mary, you have an excellent insurance policy. Please think about the possibility of not having one. It will give you some idea of what now close to 50 million people or one sixth of our population is enduring.

Good Luck!

Sincerest Regards,

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