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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Health Care Reform

Dear President Obama:

As health care reform debate continues on the floor of the Senate and the House, we hope that you and your administration to do all within your power to support amendments that incorporate longstanding policies against government funding of abortions. Further, any health care bill must support the conscience rights of every individual who works in the health care industry.

Neither the Capps Amendment nor the Hyde Amendment adequately address these concerns. HR 3962 actually permits federal funding of abortion services, promotes a public option and requires that one plan in each region provide abortion services. The Hyde Amendment has saved thousands of lives over the years but will not apply to the public plan, affordability credit or subsidy plans and it will not prevent the support of abortion by anticipated federal funding streams. HR 3200 -- by its rather conspicuous lack of explicit mention of abortion -- once passed into law will be open to interpretation that will later infer and include abortion funding by taxpayer dollars in a way that the legislators had not intended.

In order to prevent this grave injustice to the unborn and to American taxpayers and conscientious objectors, it is necessary that the language to support conscience rights and to prevent federal funding of abortion be written into the bill.

As Americans, we hope that Health Care Reform will succeed, but not at the expense of moral and ethical concerns. We hope that you and your administration will take every step possible to ensure that the desire of the vast majority of Americans be considered on this very important issue for our country.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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