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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On the campaign trail and throughout the 111th Congress, you have publicly expressed an interest in true bipartisan solutions for the United States health care system. You and your administration have reiterated these sentiments in the wake of last Tuesday's election. In appreciation of your sentiments to the American people to lower the cost and improve the quality of health care in our country, I would respectfully like to offer to work with you to achieve these goals.

Mr. President, you have identified the need to achieve cost savings in our health care system - both for America's patients and to address the economy and national debt. You have also spoken of the need to ensure that all Americans have quality, affordable health care choices. I believe that we can achieve these goals through meaningful, market based solutions that protect the sanctity of the patient - doctor relationship.

As an OB/GYN physician who has practiced medicine for roughly 30 years, I believe I can offer a unique perspective on what types of reforms will benefit patients and their doctors, as well as lowering overall costs and reducing the number of insured. I believe, as many on both sides of the aisle do today, that the American people have spoken. They overwhelmingly want health care reform, but they do not want what this Congress has pushed for the last twelve months - government taking away what already works in health care.

I believe that you have a unique opportunity to listen to the collective voices of the American people and reach out to Democrats and Republicans in Congress. As you know, I and many of my colleagues have sent letters in support of your sentiments to work in a bi-partisan way for meaningful health care reform. To date, I have received no response back from you.

Mr. President, as you have said many times, the time for change is now. The American people have spoken loud and clear - they want public servants, not political games. As a former physician and Member of Congress, I urge you to embrace the opportunity to begin anew. Therefore, I hereby request a meeting with you to further discuss the areas

of agreement that we share as well as identify areas for compromise. It is my hope that we can fulfill your promise to the American people to reach out across the aisle and work in a true spirit of compromise to reform our health care system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phil Gingrey".

Phil Gingrey, M.D. (GA-11)
Member of Congress