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Dear Doug,

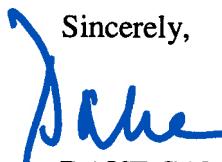
Today, representatives from five major health care trade associations and one labor union sent a letter to the President outlining policies they feel could reduce national health spending between \$1 trillion and \$1.73 trillion (see attached). While this is short of the \$2 trillion in reduced health care costs the group had pledged to find four weeks ago, it is nonetheless a significant amount.

I ask that the Congressional Budget Office promptly review these initiatives and determine the level of savings each of these proposals would yield to the federal government.

As you are well aware, the President has stated that his top domestic priority is a reform of the nation's health care system. I share that goal, as do a number of my colleagues. The Speaker has recently indicated that she would like the House to move a bill before the end of July, and the President has stated if health care reform does not happen this year, it will not happen at all. Given this urgency, I ask that the requested information be provided as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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