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From: Neera Tanden [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2009 8:10 AM
To: H
Cc: Burns Strider
Subject: Re: [redacted] and Health Care

I'm happy to call him. Will do so in the next day or so (today is a bear).

Thanks for sending. Hope you are both well.

Neera

From: H <hdr22@clintonemail.com>
To: Neera Tanden [redacted]
Cc: Burns Strider <[redacted]>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2009 12:25:07 AM
Subject: Fw: [redacted] and Health Care

Neera--Pls see the following email from [redacted] He is one of the most knowledgeable doctor/leaders about practical reform given both his military and civilian experience. He is now at the [redacted] Will you pls call him to discuss his ideas and assess whether he could be useful to the efforts? Let me know. Thx. H

-----Original Message-----

From: Burns Strider [redacted]

Date: Wed, 1 Apr 2009 16:25:20
To: Secretary of State Hillary Clinton<hdr22@clintonemail.com>
Subject: [redacted] and Health Care

[redacted] has provided the below letter since there is now key people leading the health care effort. He's hoping to be engaged... Here's his letter:

Our economic recovery requires that we improve the cost efficiency and quality of health care.

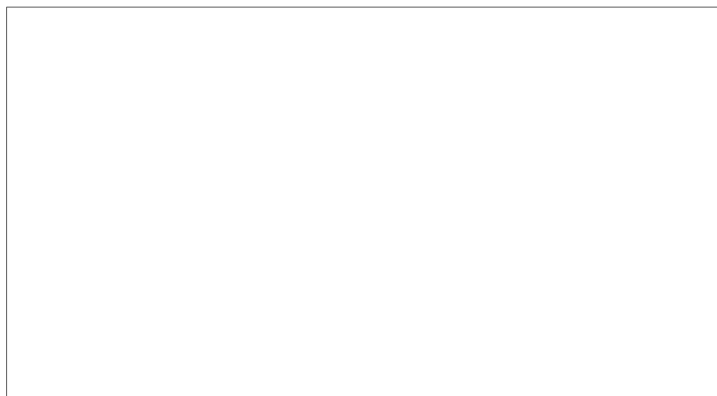
Ten years after the 1993 effort to improve the situation, the US Institute of Medicine published a book, Leadership by Example, in 2003 that triggered a brief failed effort to upgrade direct Federal health care (with DoD and VA the major providers) in order to create an example of success that would be easier and faster to implement than changing the marketplace fundamentals of commercial health care.

[redacted] The IOM's thesis remains valid, but as anyone who has dealt with the interagency process knows, the barriers to progress there can be at least as frustrating as those of the commercial world. For the last 8 years of leadership failure we lacked the vision to act on the IOM's conclusions.

The obstacles to health reform haven't changed much since 1993 and 2003, but with more astute leadership the capacity to generate meaningful improvement in Federal health care, with the catalytic effect that IOM said it could have on the whole enterprise, finally exists.

I contend that in 2009 we need to seriously consider doing what the IOM recommended in 2003, as an essential step in kick-starting American health reform. [redacted]

Thanks



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Burns Strider