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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Congratulations on your compelling address to Congress and the nation. I was very sorry not to be able to be there in person, but, at the same time, I was so pleased to see how well you looked and how positively your message translated on television. Your leadership and vision are just what we need during these recent "times that try men's souls."

I am encouraged and grateful for your powerful endorsement of health care reform, and I look forward to working with you to pass comprehensive health reform legislation this year. I also look forward to our work on national service – we hope to have the bill completed and passed in the Senate before Easter Break – and I sincerely thank you for most generous reference to me.

Vicki joins me in sending our best wishes to you and the First Lady, and if the rumors are true, we are delighted about your selection of a Portuguese Water Dog as your future pet. I hope that your new dog will give your family the joy and pleasure that our dogs have given to us.

I look forward to seeing you soon. And again, my warm congratulations.

Sincerely,

Edward M. Kennedy

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Kennedy", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.