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Mr. Paul Tubiana
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Dear Mr. Tubiana:

Thank you for contacting me regarding health issues. It is an honor to serve you as Majority Leader of the United States Senate and a privilege to respond to your concerns.

As a heart and lung transplant surgeon, my life has been dedicated to improving individuals' lives through advances in health care. As Majority Leader of the United States Senate, I am able to take the principles I learned as a physician-- themes such as "First, do no harm" and the principle that the foremost concern is the health of one's patient-- and apply them to my work on health care reform. While I continue to treat patients on an individual basis, I now have the privilege of being able to treat the collective health of the nation.

Communicating with Americans is extremely important to me, and therefore I greatly appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts. As a member of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP), I closely monitor all health-related legislation. As a member of the Senate Committee on Finance, I continue to deal with Medicare and making health insurance affordable for more Americans. As we continue to examine these important issues, I will certainly keep your thoughts in mind.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. I appreciate hearing your thoughts on this important issue and I hope you will continue to share your thoughts and concerns with me throughout my tenure in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,



William H. Frist, M.D.
Majority Leader
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