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HEALTHCARE: A NATIONAL PRIORITY

EVEN THOUGH WE ARE NOT OFFERING LEGISLATION IN THIS AREA TODAY, ONE OF THE TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES THIS YEAR FOR OUR PARTY AND THE NATION MUST BE AMERICA'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, SOLVING THE PROBLEMS OF LONG TERM CARE AND ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE WILL NOT BE EASY -- THE RECENT CATASTROPHIC CARE DEBATE TESTIFIES TO THAT. AND THE DIFFICULTY OF MEETING THE HEALTH CARE CHALLENGE WILL BE COMPOUNDED BY THE NEED TO DO SO IN A RESPONSIBLE, COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER.

NEVERTHELESS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE DEMANDING THAT WE TACKLE THESE ISSUES, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO INTRODUCING PROPOSALS WE FEEL WILL BEST MEET AMERICA'S NEED FOR QUALITY HEALTH CARE. WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING VIGOROUSLY WITH OUR DEMOCRAT COLLEAGUES AND THE WHITE HOUSE TO ADDRESS THIS NATIONAL PRIORITY.

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, THERE ARE COUNTLESS OTHER ISSUES THAT DEMAND OUR ATTENTION AND I WOULD LIKE TO QUICKLY MENTION A FEW OF THEM.

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