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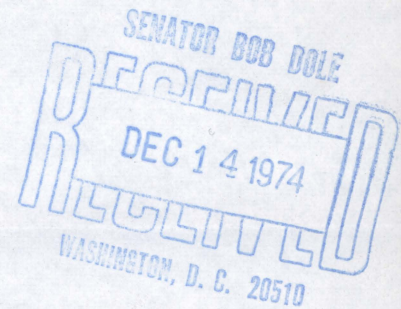
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The Honorable Robert Dole
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Dear Bob:

Once again the federal government is making a move aimed at taking away prerogatives that always have belonged to the states. I am writing you about this vital matter so that you can take action to preserve your state's role in health planning and the expenditure of federal grants.

Two bills now being considered in Congress--HR 16204 and S. 2994--would replace the comprehensive health planning and the Hill-Burton construction programs, which soon expire.

HR 16204 would create a network of regional, non-profit Health System Agencies (HSAs) directly responsible to the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare. These relatively autonomous, self-perpetuating agencies would have broad regulatory authority to approve or disapprove the use of federal grant funds and to determine the need for health facilities and services. Decisions made by these HSAs would amount to making public policy based on self-generated plans. Additionally, the HSAs would have at their disposal government funds to stimulate conformity to their plans.

My objection to this direct link between the federal government and the individual HSAs is that it bypasses elected state and local governments. I find it particularly questionable that the federal government vest in regional, non-profit corporations (which cannot be held accountable to the electorate) the power to establish public policy.

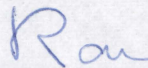
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I have asked my own state's congressional delegation to vote against HR 16204 and its companion, S. 2994. I also strongly urge you to oppose these bills, while joining me in calling for a one-year extension of the present program.

Sincerely,



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