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Mr. John E. Flynn
Office of the City Clerk
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Flynn:

Thank you for contacting me to express your concern with proposed cuts in the Medicare program. I appreciate your comments on this important issue.

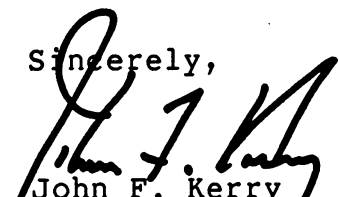
Like you, I am concerned with the Bush Administration's efforts to use cuts in health care as a primary means of deficit reduction. In his Fiscal Year 1992 budget proposal the President sought a \$2.9 billion cut in this year's budget and a \$25 billion cut over the next five years. In it's Budget Resolution, the Congress rejected these unfair cuts. Last year, I voted against the budget package which included significant cuts in Medicare, and supported several measures which would have restored full funding to the program. During this session of Congress I will again be doing everything in my power to prevent further Medicare cuts.

I understand that the pressures to limit both public and private spending on health care are extreme. Health care spending continues to grow faster than the general economy at a time when our population is aging and our resources are, unfortunately, very limited. Some change in our health care system is inevitable, yet the need to reduce costs must always be balanced by a strong sense of fairness and understanding of human need.

We have a duty to provide quality health care to every American. Clearly, the underfunding of health services that the Administration proposes threatens this goal. In the months to come I will be fighting to defend people from such damaging proposals.

Again, thanks for letting me know of your concern. I hope to hear from you again.

Sincerely,


John F. Kerry
United States Senator

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5.

Communication received from Senator John F. Kerry in acknowledgement for the resolution sent to him by the City Council regarding the proposed cuts in the Medicare program.

In City Council,

October 21, 1991

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