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June 13, 1983

Mr. Paul E. Healy
City Clerk
City Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

This will acknowledge your recent correspondence concerning the funding of the Multipurpose Arthritis Centers and the Arthritis Core Centers. Thank you for advising me of your concerns with this matter.

The Reagan Administration, as you know, has recommended a funding level of \$3,490,000 for the Centers in FY'84, the result of which would be the elimination of eleven of the seventeen Centers. I oppose the Administration's recommendation and will fight for the retention of full funding for all Centers.

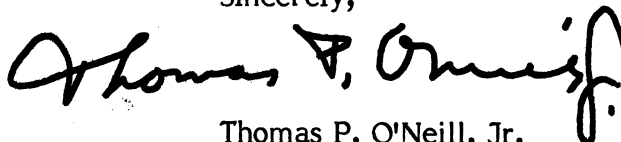
The Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education of the House Committee on Appropriations has conducted public hearings on the Administration's budget request, during which considerable opposition to this particular matter was voiced. The Subcommittee has not yet marked-up the funding legislation, but you may be assured that very serious review will be given this matter during its deliberations.

The First Budget Resolution of the House provides functional spending limits sufficient to support full funding of all Arthritis Centers, as well as for the initiation of new grants. You may count on me to fight for the full funding of all these Centers.

Once again, thank you for sharing your comments with me on this matter.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,



Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
The Speaker

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Comm. from Paul E. Healy, City Clerk, transmitting a comm. from Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill in appreciation of resolutions adopted by the City Council regarding the funding of multi-purpose arthritis centers.

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In City Council,

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