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Dear Ms Lee:

I am very concerned by the future of health care and pleased to see you sponsoring a bill for medicare expansion. The US has a very good health care system, but has long had poor policies around access. Medicare and the Veterans Affairs systems have been quite effective, but the private insurance system has been historically problematic. The House just passed an appalling bill. The administration is wildly unpredictable. The Senate is secretive, but threatening to produce its own monstrosity. If such a bill winds up as law millions will lose health care access, increasing death rates and public health issues while threatening hospitals in low income areas. Together this points to the prefect time to expand medicare. It is good to see you and the other House Democrats presenting a rational alternative to the vicious bills being pushed by the majority.

Please assure me that you will continue to press for good health care policy.

I am very proud to be a US resident and a large part of that derives from our healthy society.

Sincerely, Eric Babson