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GOVERNOR

Hon. George H. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

There is probably no issue that ties together the economic well-being of our nation and the physical well-being of our people like health care.

On November 5, New Jerseyans had the opportunity to vote on a ballot question concerning this important issue. This non-binding resolution polled New Jerseyans on the question of whether or not there should be a national health care policy. Not surprisingly, the resolution passed by almost a 4-to-1 margin. I am writing to report these results to you and to urge action, for the good of the American people.

Health care costs are out of control. In supporting this measure, the people of New Jersey have sent a loud and clear message to Washington. States alone can't solve the health care crisis. Health care is a national problem and it cries out for a national response. We need leadership from the White House and Congress now.

The high cost of health care is squeezing the middle class of our country. Our seniors have to cut out the necessities in life to pay their medical bills. They should not have to live in fear of being sick, or put off seeing the doctor because they're afraid of the bill.

In New Jersey we've taken steps to confront the health care crisis head-on. Our "Health Care Cost Reduction Act" is designed to make health care in the state more affordable and accessible.

I am committed to bringing health care costs under control and look forward to working with you to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Florio". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

JIM FLORIO
Governor