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Re: Update on health care

From: Neera Tanden

To: hdr22@clintonemail.com

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CC: Neera Tanden

Subject: Re: Update on health care

We struck up some new alliances in the WH and steadily made the pretty stark case about how this would be a lost opportunity to the President, and he moved in the right direction. The President was asked to make real decisions today and he did. That will be hard to be undone. Not impossible, but hard. To be clear, where we've ended up is not perfect by any stretch, just a LOT better than a week ago.

I was put in charge of developing the specifics of the hc plan for the WH health care team, which includes all the key offices. But really, there's a LOT of bureaucratic warfare happening, so who knows how long this will last. Someone could make some kind of new play next week.

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You were - as you usually are - totally right - it was actually good we kept fighting and didn't give up. I kind of had my back against the wall last Sunday. Thanks for that.

--- On Fri, 2/13/09, H wrote:

From: H

Subject: Re: Update on health care

To: "Neera Tanden"

Date: Friday, February 13, 2009, 11:12 PM

Great to hear good news about health care! Glad it--and you--are on the upswing. What happened?

From: Neera Tanden
Date: Fri, 13 Feb 2009 19:55:00 -0800 (PST)
To:
Subject: Update on health care

Things have gotten dramatically better on health care! We're not out of the woods til the budget is locked, but we're close to that and it's been actually positive movement. The President has been pushing.

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Thanks for your concern last weekend - that day turned out to be the nadir, on many levels.

Good luck on your trip.