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AN OPEN LETTER TO SENATOR HERB KOHL

SENATOR KOHL, WHEN YOU TELL A CONSTITUENT YOU WANT TO WORK WITH HIM ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE, HOW DOES THAT PERSON THEN GET THROUGH TO YOU IF YOUR STAFF DOES NOT RELAY INFORMATION TO YOU IN A TIMELY FASHION?

Dear Senator Kohl,

On September 2, 2009 at a public meeting at Marquette University Law School, in response to my audience participation question on abortion and health care, you responded that you agreed with me that "we should not use health care reform to provide government access to abortion". You also stated that you would work directly with me on this issue. (See enclosed transcript of the relevant part of our very positive exchange from the digital recording of the program "On the Issues with Mike Gousha.") I was very pleased with your comments and looked forward to being in touch with you as the issue made its way through the Senate.

Last month following the House passage of the health care legislation which included the Stupak language prohibiting federal funds for abortion in this legislation, I attempted on November 20th to contact you by fax to follow-up on this matter, since it would now be up to the Senate to consider how it would deal with this issue (See attached copy of that fax.)

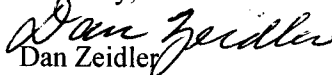
Despite my numerous further follow-ups with your office (by phone and fax) beginning on Nov 23rd to ensure that you had personally received the fax, and to request a meeting with you, I still have received no assurance from your staff that you have even seen my letter. Your aide, Marni Karlin, told me on December 2nd that my Nov 20th fax had still not been given to you. A follow-up call to her phone on December 4th in which I left a message inquiring if the fax had been subsequently given to you has not been returned.

I am deeply concerned that it should be so difficult for a constituent to reach you directly on such an important issue as potentially massive government involvement in abortion, especially when you publicly indicated you wanted to work with me on this issue.

It is deeply discouraging that I have to try to reach you via this "open letter", but everything else I have tried has failed. Time is critical.

You are an honorable and good person. I hope this message reaches you and that we can work together on this vital matter before it is too late. Should you wish to reach me, you can call me at the phone numbers listed below.

Sincerely,


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