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December 14, 1994

Carol Rasco
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Dear Carol:

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the National Governors' Association (NGA) Winter Meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. at the JW Marriott Hotel, January 28-31, 1995.

Enclosed is a meeting brochure that contains a preliminary program and providing information on the meeting, as well as a special pre-paid registration form. Your registration fee will be paid by NGA.

If you plan to attend, please complete the *orange* registration form to arrange for credentials. *Send the completed form to the NGA Registration Center* (address on the form) as soon as possible, but no later than January 16, 1995.

If you have any questions, please contact Tess Moore at (202) 624-5320.

Sincerely,

Raymond C. Scheppach

Enclosures

Carol
What time
should be
blacked out on
calendar?

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Registration
in
12/20

Children

Governors' Campaign for

1.

to increase public awareness of the needs of young children

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to simplify and improve federal and state programs to once again focus on the needs of children and their families, rather than on the needs of government agencies and programs

3.

to help communities across the nation better respond to the needs of young children

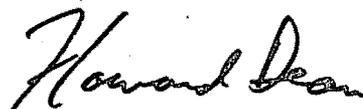
THIS YEAR the National Governors' Association is focusing on children. The Governors' Campaign for Children is based on the simple premise that safe, healthy, well-educated children are vital to the future of a strong nation. The price of failure is too high. The prison population now exceeds one million. Teenage pregnancy remains near its all-time high. Too many babies lack health care and safe, stable homes.

If we really believe that many of America's problems are due to the crumbling of America's families, then we'd better be prepared to change the way we support families.

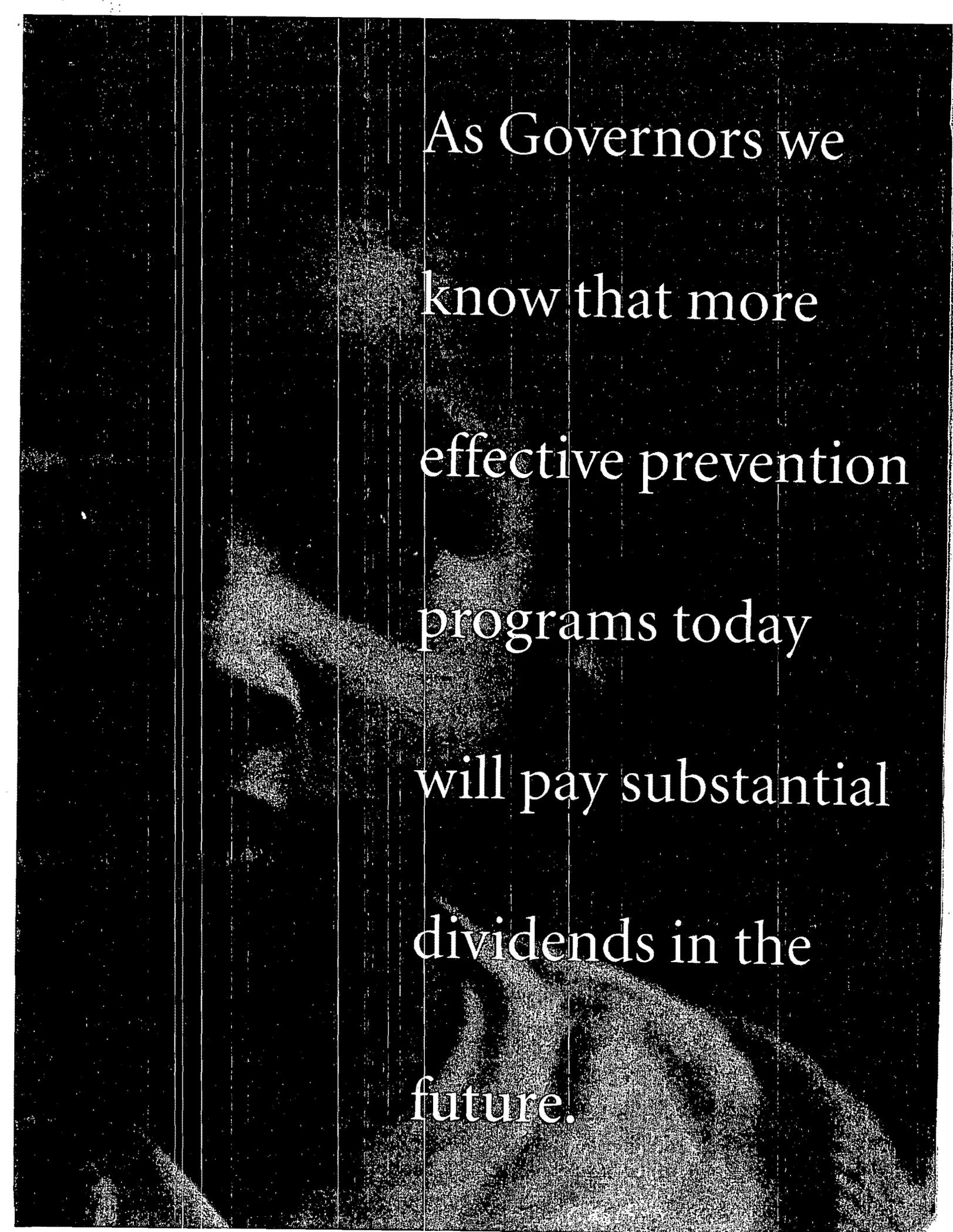
The National Governors' Association 1995 Winter Meeting will focus on the Governors' concerns and priorities regarding critical national issues. Some of those issues affect children directly—welfare reform, health care reform, and the reauthorization of major federal programs such as the Food Stamp and

Child Care and Development Block Grant programs. The reauthorization of the Farm Bill, new workforce preparation programs, the national highway system, and telecommunication legislation will have important effects on the economy and our competitive posture. Air and water legislation will significantly affect our environment. Decisions on unfunded mandates and the federal deficit will have a major impact on the availability of state and local resources to invest in our children.

At our meeting in Washington, DC, on January 28–31, we will discuss these important legislative issues and the ways in which states—in partnership with federal and local government, parents, and communities—can better support the needs of children. Please join us.



HOWARD DEAN, M.D., Governor of Vermont
Chair, National Governors' Association



As Governors we
know that more
effective prevention
programs today
will pay substantial
dividends in the
future.

National Governors' Association

Winter Meeting

January 28-31, 1995

Washington, DC

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Saturday, January 28

11:00-11:30 am

Opening Press Conference

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Sunday, January 29

8:00-10:00 am

School-to-Work Roundtable

10:15 am-12:15 pm

Governors-only Work Session/Brunch

12:30-2:30 pm

Plenary Session and Executive Committee

2:45-4:45 pm

Standing Committee Meetings

THE MEETING will be held at the JW Marriott Hotel at National Place. Attendance at the meeting is by invitation. All attendees, including representatives of the media, must register for the meeting and for housing accommodations by completing the registration/housing form. For logistical or program information, call NGA at (202) 624-7700. Media inquiries should be directed to the NGA Office of Public Affairs at (202) 624-5330. For information about ancillary meetings, contact the individual organizations directly.

REGISTRATION

A separate form for each attendee should be completed and mailed to the NGA Registration Center at the address indicated on the form. Special advance registration fees are available for attendees whose registration forms are post-marked on or before Friday, January 6, 1995. The NGA Registration Center will not accept photocopies of original forms. If additional forms are needed, call NGA at (202) 624-5300. All changes to submitted registration forms must be sent in writing to the NGA Registration Center. Please do not resubmit the entire form. Registration and housing requests will not be taken over the telephone or by the hotel directly. If housing is needed after January 16, call the NGA Registration Center at (703) 631-6298 or (703) 631-6280. Requests for rooms received after January 16 will be filled if space is available, but the NGA group rates may not apply.

Do not mail registration forms or fee payments after January 16. After that date, attendees should plan to register on site.

PAYMENT

Checks (payable to the *National Governors' Association*), credit cards, vouchers, or the equivalent may be used to pay registration fees. NGA accepts VISA, MasterCard, and American Express credit cards. **Meeting credentials will not be issued unless the registration fee is paid in full.** Registration fees cannot be billed to attendees.

Registration fees may be mailed separately or paid on site, so it is not neces-

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms at special rates has been reserved at the JW Marriott for NGA meeting attendees. The NGA Registration Center will make hotel reservations on a first-received basis. No reservations will be accepted by phone or by the hotel directly from meeting attendees. The hotel requires one night's deposit for each room. If you would like the NGA Registration Center to provide the hotel with the deposit using your credit card, be sure to complete the credit card information section on the registration form. Do not send checks or other forms of payment to the registration center for hotel deposits. If you do not use a credit card for your deposit, send appropriate payment directly to the hotel after you have received the registration confirmation from the registration center. The hotel also will send a reservation confirmation detailing arrangements made in your name. Because hotel cancellation and refund policies differ, the JW Marriott policies should be noted upon receipt of hotel confirmation. If direct billing or use of a voucher is desired, contact the credit manager at the hotel prior to arrival. Check-in time at the JW Marriott is 4:00 pm; check-out time is noon.

JW Marriott Hotel at National Place
1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004
(202) 393-2000

TRANSPORTATION

Meeting attendees are responsible for individual travel arrangements and from Washington, as well as ground transportation during their stay. Group transportation arrangements for official events will be noted in the meeting program.

CREDENTIALS

Credentials are required for admittance to all NGA meetings and social events. Meeting materials and credentials will be available at the NGA Registration Desk, located in the Capitol Foyer on the Ballroom Level of the hotel. There

will be a separate registration desk for Governors and their families and program participants. Media representatives can obtain credentials and meeting materials at the NGA News Media Headquarters, located in the Russell Room on the Meeting Room Level. Meeting attendees must show identification to obtain registration materials and credentials. Credentials are nontransferable. Meeting registration will open on Saturday, January 28, and will be open during all NGA business sessions.

MEETING SUPPORT OPERATIONS

The Information/Message Center, located on the Ballroom Level, will be open from Saturday, January 28, to Tuesday, January 31. The message center should be used only for urgent messages. Nonurgent messages for attendees staying at the JW Marriott should be communicated through the hotel operator at (202) 393-2000.

Office Services, located in the Longworth Room on the Meeting Room Level, will be open from Saturday, January 28, to Tuesday, January 31, to provide typing, copying, and faxing services to meeting attendees. A work area for Governors' staff also will be located in the Longworth Room.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

In order to ensure full participation and accessibility for all meeting attendees in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, please notify NGA of any special requirements by calling (202) 624-7700 by January 20. Written requests can be faxed to Susan Dotchin at (202) 624-5313.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To request additional registration forms or for further information on:

- the business agenda,
 - media-related issues,
 - registration or housing arrangements,
 - disability accommodations, or
 - logistical arrangements,
- please call the NGA Winter Meeting Information Line at (202) 624-7700.



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Monday, January 30
7:30-9:00 am
DGA/RGA Breakfast Meetings

9:15 am-Noon
Meeting with the President

12:15-2:15 pm
Governors-only Work Session/Lunch

2:30-4:30 pm
Plenary Session

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Tuesday, January 31
7:30-9:00 am
Regional Association Meetings

9:15-11:45 am
Closing Plenary

Noon-12:30
Closing Press Conference

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sary to delay submitting registration and housing forms in order to send fee payment at the same time. Please reference the attendee's name to ensure proper credit when payment is mailed separately.

REFUND POLICY

Registration fees, minus a \$25 handling fee, will be refunded provided written notice of cancellation is postmarked and mailed to the NGA Registration Center no later than Friday, January 20. No refunds will be made for cancellations after that date. Ancillary attendee fees, assessed to cover housing processing, must accompany the reservation request and are nonrefundable. Refunds due for fees charged to credit cards will be credited to the card approximately thirty days after the meeting. Other refunds due will be paid by check approximately forty-five days after the meeting.

BILLING POLICY

No-shows will be billed the applicable registration fee. Registrants, including those who do not prepay their registration fees, will be charged a \$25 handling fee for cancellations received or postmarked before January 20. Registrants who cancel after January 20 will be charged the full registration fee.

Please type or print all information requested. An asterisk (*) indicates the information that will appear on the attendee's credentials. Please write above each line.

Return completed form to:

NGA Registration Center
4400 Fair Lakes Court
Suite 200
Fairfax, VA 22033
(703) 631-6298 or 6280

Submit any changes to information provided on this form **IN WRITING**. Please refer to accompanying materials for additional information about registration deadlines and fees. Do **NOT** mail registration forms or fee payments after **JANUARY 16**. After that date, attendees should plan to register on site. If housing is needed after **JANUARY 16**, call the NGA Registration Center.

Payment

- Registration fee enclosed
- Registration fee will be mailed separately (no later than January 16)
- Registration fee will be paid on site

Meeting credentials will not be issued until registration fees have been paid in full.

First Name* Middle Initial* Last Name*
Title*
Representing*
Address
City State* ZIP Code
Information provided by Telephone

Meeting Registration Fees

Check one box only to identify your affiliation.	Postmarked on or before Jan. 6	Postmarked after Jan. 6
<input type="radio"/> 10 Governor (Fee includes family members and accompanying security)	\$235	\$235
<input type="radio"/> 11 Governor's Spouse	NA	NA
<input type="radio"/> 12 Governor's Child	NA	NA
<input type="radio"/> 13 Security Accompanying Governor	NA	NA
<input type="radio"/> 14 Governor's Official Party	\$190	\$210
<input type="radio"/> 15 State Government Attendee	\$190	\$210
<input type="radio"/> 16 Federal or Other Government Attendee	\$190	\$210
<input type="radio"/> 17 Government Association Attendee	\$190	\$210
<input type="radio"/> 18 Private Sector Attendee	\$440	\$485
<input type="radio"/> 36 NGA Corporate Fellow	\$440	\$485
<input type="radio"/> 37 NGA Associate Corporate Fellow	\$440	\$485
<input type="radio"/> 20 Family Member of Registered Attendee	\$100	\$110
<input type="radio"/> 21 Media Attendee	No fee	No fee
<input type="radio"/> 22 Ancillary Attendee (Housing only; nonrefundable processing fee. Payment must accompany reservation request.)	\$25	\$35

Credit Card Authorization

Complete only if you wish to pay your registration fee or hotel room deposit by credit card (VISA, MasterCard, or American Express).
 Charge winter meeting registration fee
 Charge hotel room deposit
Charge card: VISA MasterCard American Express

Card Number
Expiration Date
Cardholder's Signature

The NGA Registration Center is authorized to use the indicated card to bill my registration fee for the NGA Winter Meeting, in the amount indicated on the form, and/or to provide the hotel with a first-night room deposit. I understand that one night's room charge will be billed by the hotel through this card if I fail to arrive on the confirmed date, unless I have cancelled my reservation according to the hotel's cancellation policy.

Hotel Accommodations Reservation

I do not require housing accommodations.
Reservations will be made at the JW Marriott Hotel. All reservations must be guaranteed. Refer to "Hotel Accommodations" section in the General Information part of this brochure.

Accommodations Preference

Check the room type and rate preferred. Housing assignments and room rates will be based on the postmark date and room availability at the time of confirmation.

Room to be shared with:
Special housing needs:

<input type="radio"/> Single Occupancy	\$156
<input type="radio"/> Double Occupancy	\$156
<input type="radio"/> One-Bedroom Suite*	\$550 - \$1,350

Check-in Date
Departure Date

* Call the NGA Registration Center for information on suite availability and rates for two-bedroom suites.

For Office Use Only		
Payment Method	Payment #	Amount
Hotel Code	Room Type	Block Type

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Winter Meeting January 28-31, 1995 Washington, DC

Important Deadlines:

JANUARY 6, 1995

*Last day special advance registration
fee applies*

JANUARY 16, 1995

*Last day to mail advance registration forms
and payment*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 7, 1994

MEMORANDUM TO BOB RUBIN
CAROL RASCO ✓

FROM: Jennifer Klein *J.K.*

RE: NGA Meeting

Here are talking points for the health care portion of your meeting with the NGA Executive Committee.

- Provide an overview of the health care process, i.e., new NEC/DPC structure, meeting with groups, etc.

NOTE: They may ask who will take over now that Bob Rubin will be Secretary of the Treasury. I assume that both of you know better than I do what will happen and when we can talk about it publicly.

- Invite them to share their views. Remind them that this is a listening session for us. We need their assessments of the political environment (in the states as well as in Congress) and of health care policy options.

NOTE: As you know, the NGA has issued no new health care policy guidelines. According to John Hart, because there are so many new governors, there is great debate about whether to issue new guidelines at all and, if so, about what they should say.

The current NGA guidelines support comprehensive health reform at the federal level with significant state flexibility. As you can guess, with so many more Republican governors, any new guidelines will likely recommend a less comprehensive approach with a continued strong emphasis on flexibility (although perhaps with less reliance on ERISA changes).

The governors are likely to ask about our position on Medicaid waivers. The President has suggested that Medicaid waivers provide an opportunity for states to be innovative in the absence of national reform. However, Republican members are ready to argue that the Medicaid waiver program is only a demonstration project -- and that we can not

implement national health reform through the back door. Obviously, you should avoid casting the waiver program as a path to national reform through action at the state level. Instead, emphasize that waivers are evaluated on a case-by-case basis and permit states to develop innovative and cost effective ways to run their Medicaid programs.

- Suggest that this should be the beginning of ongoing consultation. Note that Chris will speak with Carl Volpe (they have actually already begun exchanging phone calls) to begin staff discussions.

cc: Chris Jennings
Sylvia Mathews
Jeremy Ben-Ami