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The Honorable Lowell Weicker  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health,  
Human Services, Education  
and Related Agencies  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Dirksen Senate Office Bldg., Rm. 199  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Weicker,

Ms. Hella Frank, R.N., the nurse in charge of the Public Health Unit here at the Federal Communications Commission, advised me that the Senate Appropriations Committee is marking up the Department of Health and Human Services bill today.


I am told that several Committee members are supporting Report language, a copy of which is enclosed, which would direct the Department to preserve the Public Health Units which provide health care to federal employees throughout the country and to protect the job security of the full time nurses who staff these units.

As one who utilizes the medical services of the Public Health Unit here at the Commission, I strongly urge you to support the proposed Report language. I think these nurses are providing essential health care to federal employees which helps to keep them on the job. They do so for considerably less money than it would cost the government to contract for these services.

I am sending this letter to you by messenger in the hope that you will receive it before the matter is considered by the Committee.

Thank you for any help that you can give to the nurses.

Sincerely,

  
James H. Quello

Enclosure

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Suggested Report Language

The Committee concludes that it is in the best interest of Federal employees for the Public Health Service to continue to operate health clinics throughout the government under reimbursable agreements and to staff those health units with full time Federal occupational health professional positions. The Committee does not approve the staffing of these units with contract positions. The Committee believes that the Revised Report submitted in March of 1987 fails to provide an adequate plan for the maintenance of these reimbursable services and for the protection of the rights of the career employees who staff these units and directs that a further report be submitted within 60 days of the date of this report.