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Dear Mr. South:

Representative Jim Keane, chair of the Economic Affairs Committee, asked that I send you information from Dr. Henry Simmons, president of the National Coalition on Health Care, who spoke at the September 11, 2006, meeting of the Economic Affairs Committee. Enclosed are:

- an email message sent via one of our legislative secretaries to Rep. Keane from Dr. Simmons:
- a copy of the speech Dr. Simmons gave to the Economic Affairs Committee;
- a press release that quotes former secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Tommy Thompson, on health care coverage; and
- remarks by Dr. Simmons in response to the latest census showing more Americans lacking health insurance.

Dr. Simmons' remarks can be heard on the Economic Affairs Committee website under audio minutes for September 11, 2006. His speech came about half an hour into the meeting (he started at 9 a.m.). If you have questions or comments, please call or email me on behalf of the Economic Affairs Committee.

Sincerely,

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