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The Honorable Nancy L. Johnson
Chairman, Health Subcommittee
Committee on Ways and Means
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States
2113 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0706

Dear Congresswoman Johnson:

It was a pleasure seeing you this morning at New Britain General Hospital. Thank you for bringing Tom Scully to speak with us. It is a shame that there were not more people present to participate in the session. Your comments reinforce how fortunate we are to have you in a leadership role for the nation's health care system.

In follow-up to my conversation in your office with Susan Christensen and my discussion with you this morning, I am writing to ask that you use your influence to establish an active linkage between Governor Ridge and the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Committee on Trauma. There has been no response from the Office of Homeland Security to the October 9, 2001 letter (attached) sent by the ACS offering the assistance of the Committee on Trauma. Thomas Russell, M.D., FACS, Executive Director of the American College of Surgeons, David Hoyt, M.D., FACS, the current Chairman of the Committee on Trauma, and Senior Staff would be happy to travel to Washington to meet with Governor Ridge. To provide you with additional background on the Committee on Trauma activities, I have asked the staff at the American College of Surgeons Headquarters in Chicago to send you additional material under separate cover.

Sincerely,

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