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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
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Mr. President,

During the campaign, you repeatedly promised to hold health care negotiations on C-SPAN. Monday, however, in an interview with ABC News' Diane Sawyer you admitted that:

"There is a legislative process that is taking place in Congress and I am happy to own up to the fact that I have not changed Congress and how it operates the way I would have liked."

Republicans firmly support changing the way Congress works and giving the American people the access to the health care debate you promised and that they deserve. Republicans have led a Congressional Transparency Initiative that includes a proposal to ensure major negotiations on bills are open to the public. Unfortunately, members of your party have refused to join us in this effort.

In light of your admission, and ongoing secret health care negotiations among Democrats in Congress, we ask you to again make clear to Speaker Pelosi and Leader Reid that you will not sign a health care bill crafted in a backroom deal.

Sincerely,

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