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Congressman Tim Walz
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Dear Tim,

Thank you for inviting me to participate in a town hall meeting in your Congressional District this week. Like you, when Congress is not in session, I take advantage of the opportunity to visit communities throughout my district to listen and learn about the issues that matter to the constituents I serve so I can most effectively represent them in Washington. Because it is critical for me to hear from the men and women I represent, I will be focusing my time and attention over this district work period on hearing from my constituents and will be unable to attend your meeting.

Like the overwhelming majority of the thousands of constituents I have heard from in the past few weeks, I too, have serious concerns about the current health care proposal that would give control of our health care to government bureaucrats. I am grateful for the ongoing dialogue with my Second District constituents on this critical issue, and I look forward to continuing these discussions throughout this Congressional work period and into the fall.

When we return to Washington next month, I hope you join me in insisting that any health care reform legislation make quality care accessible and affordable for every American, enable those who like their coverage to keep it, and ensure medical decisions are made by patients and their doctors. I remain committed to working with our Republican and Democrat colleagues to put policy before partisanship and craft a solution that delivers the health care Minnesotans – and all Americans – need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Kline". The signature is stylized and fluid, with the first name "John" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Kline".

John Kline
Member of Congress