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Dr. Joe Jacobs
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Dear Dr. Jacobs:

As a citizen and a North Carolina legislator, I was delighted to learn of the Institute's new Office of Alternative Medicine.

In our state, we have witnessed a massive outpouring of support for alternative medicine, which has resulted in the passage of several very controversial bills that were before the General Assembly this session. (Other bills are still in committee, as the session has not yet ended.) The enclosed article from a recent Raleigh paper gives a very good synopsis.

On a personal note, I wish to share with you an experience in alternative health care that we had with Mr. Dean Kraft, who has been doing "Touch Therapy" for about 20 years with fascinating results.

On February 1 of this year, my husband, Abe, was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) at Duke Medical Center in Durham. As you know, no treatment or cure is known. We were given a life expectancy of six months, and were told to go home and prepare wills, etc.

Within a four month period, Abe had a very rapid progression of this horrendous disease. He was suffering great pains in his neck and back, having difficulty swallowing, and needed the use of a wheelchair to move more than a few feet.



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We continued to have faith that an answer would come. Quite by accident, I saw a television program regarding alternative medicine, which happened to feature Dean Kraft.

After our first visit with Mr. Kraft, Abe has experienced no further pain except sore muscles from the recommended exercise program, has no further need of pain medication (codeine), has regained his appetite, has no difficulty swallowing, and is able to turn from his back to either side when in bed.

Needless to say, we are thrilled, and feel very fortunate and blessed for these small but wonderfully good signs! We realize this healing process will be very slow, but we feel we have already obtained relief from great pain, the postponement of debilitating feeding tubes, and the need for a care-giver to help turn Abe every three or four hours during the night.

I endorse Dean Kraft and his talent, his gift, and ask if I can implore your office to fund the "Touch Therapy in Multiple Myeloma" in an amount to justify the project.

Mr. Kraft's application is for only \$29,772. I would hope you would suggest authorization of \$300,000 - \$500,000 at least. Can you imagine the amount of savings if, in fact, we have a cure for cancer, ALS, and other terminal diseases? We would have thousands of people removed from the disability entitlement list, people who would be delighted to be healed and regain the status of productive, tax-paying citizens! Can you imagine the savings in health care costs? It would be unbelievable!

This is most unusual for me, a very conservative legislator, to endorse increased spending requests, but this is real; I have personally witnessed positive results.

Please let me know if I can assist you in any way with personal endorsements for the Kraft proposal. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure
cc: Senator Tom Harkin



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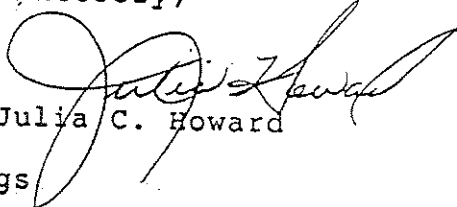
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Dear Senator Harkin:

I would like to take the liberty to thank you for your efforts to fund the Office of Alternative Medicine in the National Institute of Health and to enclose a copy of my recent correspondence with Dr. Jacobs.

We appreciate your dedication and courage in pressing for this bold new step.

Sincerely,


Julia C. Howard

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