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From: Neera Tanden [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 2, 2009 1:36 AM
To: H
Subject: Re: Kennedy

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Well, I wish for nothing more than for a speedy recovery for you! Since you are the strongest person on the planet, I'm sure you are mastering this ordeal relatively easily, but I hope you'll get some real rest this July 4th.

On health care, we're all hanging on the whims of Finance. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] They got R's but then some Dems went apoplectic. So now they're trying to build back their package and still attract some Rs. The problem is that the conservative Dems on the Committee are really just not that helpful. So we're kind of waiting as this maneuvers because Baucus is keeping us pretty arms length. However, if they don't move in the next week or so, then there will be no way we're off the Senate floor by August recess. And I worry that if we start blowing deadlines, and this goes into fall, we'll lose all ability to get this done. (And of course, I would really like this to be over!) The Senate moderates are just not so into this. What we have going for us is that they feel like they can't oppose the President on both health care and energy - at least for now.

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The other big problem is that the Brooks column from the other day is totally spot on - Rahm will take almost any deal that comes his way to declare victory. People know that. So there's very little backstop, and that's part of why Finance is doing what it's doing. But at this point, we need Senate Finance to just move.

The good news is that the Kennedy bill has been scored by CBO as much cheaper - will be \$600 billion without policies for under 150% of poverty and with those policies, will be close to a trillion. [REDACTED]

Again, hope you have a great 4th. Miss you Hillary.

Neera

From: H <HDR22@clintonemail.com>
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Subject: Re: Kennedy

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Thx for your good wishes as I continue doing research on the health care system for you. [REDACTED]

What happening on the Hill? Hope it's going well and that you'll enjoy a splendid July 4th which will provide the only fireworks over DC.

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From: Neera Tanden [REDACTED]
To: H
Sent: Tue Jun 23 23:38:07 2009
Subject: Re: Kennedy

Well, in the history of this short-lived health care experience so far, Kennedy and the CBO score have definitely been a nadir. Let's hope it moves up from there. [REDACTED]

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But more importantly, I hope you are feeling ok! Knowing you, you're probably working harder than ever. Please take care of yourself.

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From: H <HDR22@clintonemail.com>
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Whine all you want my friend.

----- Original Message -----

From: Neera Tanden [Redacted]
To: H
Sent: Tue Jun 16 23:40:08 2009
Subject: Kennedy

CBO's score of his partial proposal is killing us - \$1 trillion for 16 million people. They have not listened at all, and gone off to do this in semi-secret - and we're all paying the consequences. But apparently, they know better than everyone. And then when we distance ourselves from their plan, they are outraged. Sorry for the whining, it's just very frustrating.