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Dear Mrs. Clinton:

Congratulations and warmest wishes. I feel great enthusiasm about your leadership in studying our nation's health care needs and rectifying omissions and injustices. I am writing to help you make the record of need in respect to a vulnerable group with desperate needs that lacks health insurance but is often overlooked: thousands of people who exit from the numerous destructive cult groups each year.

These cult veterans exit -- sometimes after many years -- with no insurance and, often, with physical and mental health needs. Needs may have accumulated unattended during the period of cult membership. New needs may arise after exit. In some cases there are no family or friends available to help.

Because I have counseled and befriended roughly 3000 cult veterans, both personally and professionally, over the past 24 years, I am acutely troubled by their problems in securing medical and mental health care, including residential and outpatient help as needed. I have prepared the enclosed statement, summarizing experience and concerns and request that you share it with members of your Task Force and include it in the record of your proceedings. Should you wish to take live testimony from me, please have me contacted by fax at 510-848-8618 or phone at 510-848-1855, and I shall make every effort to appear either in the Berkeley-San Francisco area or in Washington, D.C. I also enclose my c.v. for your Task Force file.

Again, best wishes for your vital enterprise.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures