

February 13, 2026

Subject: Universal Healthcare – Proof It Can Be Done

Honorable [Full Name]  
[Street Address]  
[City, State, Zip]

Dear [Senator/Representative] [Last Name],

Your accomplishments are commendable, and your values and principles deeply admirable. Thank you. As a [State] constituent living in [City], I write to request a clear definition of the requirements for Universal Healthcare, prepare legislation, establish a schedule, and report progress to the American taxpayer.

Other nations have achieved universal coverage with lower per-capita spending and longer life expectancy than the United States (OECD *Health at a Glance* and Commonwealth Fund *Mirror, Mirror 2024*). The question is: can we, as Americans, do it better, faster, and more cost effectively? I believe we can.

Given these comparisons, I respectfully request that Congress define measurable system requirements for universal coverage, publish a schedule, and report progress using transparent metrics.

### **Top Ranked Countries for Universal Healthcare**

According to the Commonwealth Fund's *Mirror, Mirror 2024* report, several high-income nations with universal coverage rank above the United States in overall health system performance across domains including access, equity, care process, and administrative efficiency. Rankings vary depending on methodology and weighting of metrics.

- **Australia:** Ranked #1 overall in the Commonwealth Fund's *Mirror, Mirror 2024* report, reflecting high performance across access, equity, and health outcomes relative to peer nations.
- **Netherlands:** Ranked among the top overall performers in *Mirror, Mirror 2024*, with strong scores in access and care process measures.
- **United Kingdom (UK):** Ranked among the top overall performers in *Mirror, Mirror 2024*, particularly in equity and administrative efficiency domains.
- **New Zealand:** Ranked in the upper tier of overall performers in *Mirror, Mirror 2024*, with comparatively strong performance in care process and health outcomes.
- **France:** Performs above the United States in overall rankings in *Mirror, Mirror 2024*. In addition, French national data (DREES, 2025) report that half of emergency department patients in 2023 spent more than three hours in the department, while U.S. CDC national survey data indicate that the median emergency department visit duration falls between two and four hours, depending on definitions and reporting methods.
- **Canada:** Ranked above the United States in overall performance in *Mirror, Mirror 2024*, though the report notes challenges related to wait times for certain elective procedures.
- **Sweden and Germany:** Both rank above the United States in overall system performance in *Mirror, Mirror 2024*, with strong equity and coverage measures relative to U.S. benchmarks.
- **Taiwan:** While not included in *Mirror, Mirror 2024*, Taiwan operates a single-payer National Health Insurance system that provides universal coverage; comparative analyses frequently cite Taiwan for lower administrative overhead and lower out-of-

pocket exposure relative to U.S. averages, depending on service category and income level.

#### Key Characteristics

- **Universal Coverage:** Everyone has access to care, regardless of ability to pay.
- **Strong Primary Care:** Emphasis on accessible general practitioners.
- **Cost Control:** In OECD and Commonwealth Fund comparisons, peer systems achieve lower per-capita spending and lower out-of-pocket exposure relative to the United States.

#### Verified Peer Comparison

Metric	United States	Comparable Country Average
Health Spending per Capita (2023)	\$13,432	\$7,393
Life Expectancy (2023)	78.4 years	82.5 years

Sources: Peterson–KFF Health System Tracker (uses OECD Health Statistics and national statistical sources; 2023 values are estimated/provisional)

OECD reports the U.S. as the highest spender; in 2024 the U.S. reached over \$14,880 per person (PPP-adjusted).

If Universal Healthcare was military, we would at least:

1. Prepare comprehensive system requirements specification.
2. Use this to generate requests for proposals (RFPs).
3. Report milestones, timelines, delivery schedules, quality, cost, and established metrics.
4. Use process improvement methods to assure performance, quality, and ease-of-use.
5. Deliver what the American taxpayer needs.

I would like you to:

1. Let me know if you support Universal Healthcare.
2. Let me know what is currently planned.
3. Let me know what I can do to help.

Thank you for your service and for taking this request seriously. I am looking forward to your reply.

Respectfully,

[Full Name]

[Street Address or ZIP]

[City, State]

[Phone / Email]