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Mr. Eric Schneidewind, President
American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
601 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20049

RE: Mrs. Dixie Stinson, Member ID:

Dear Mr. Schneidewind,

I am writing to request assistance on behalf of my constituent and your member, Mrs. Dixie Stinson. Through your organization's partnership with UnitedHealthcare, Mrs. Stinson has medical insurance. She is currently at Amerimed Cancun Hospital in Mexico, which will not release her until such time as her medical balance is paid.

Mrs. Stinson had a severe heart attack in Mexico and was treated at Amerimed Cancun Hospital. According to Amerimed Hospital administrators, Mrs. Stinson needed surgery to repair a 99% blockage in her right artery. Following the first surgery, a second blockage was discovered requiring an additional surgery. The Stinson family has already paid \$55,000 to Amerimed Hospital for both surgeries. Hospital administrators have demanded additional funds, in excess of the \$55,000 they have paid, in order for her to be released and not remanded to Mexican police.

As the organization that Mrs. Stinson trusted with her medical insurance needs, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) should issue a letter of guarantee for payment to Amerimed Cancun Hospital in Cancun, Mexico, including coverage of air ambulance services, if necessary, to safely extract Mrs. Stinson from Mexico. This letter would guarantee payment to the hospital for services provided to Mrs. Stinson, per the underlying contractual coverage agreement with Mrs. Stinson. It is my belief that a letter of guarantee would provide Amerimed Hospital with the confidence needed to release her.

I appreciate your consideration and attention to the situation and believe that your full involvement can help resolve this matter and help to expeditiously bring Mrs. Stinson back home. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or my Chief of Staff, Renee Hudson, at (202) 225-5037.

Sincerely,

Todd Rokita
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CC: Stephen J. Hemsley, CEO of UnitedHealth Group