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The Honorable Jimmy Carter
1974 Campaign Chairman
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P.O. Box 1524
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Dear Governor:

Please forgive my delay in replying to your letter of July 24th, but I have been on holidays and have only recently returned to my desk.

I greatly appreciated your letter. The AMA is, itself, an "interest group," but we like to think that the interests we represent are those of the patients our members serve.

It is noteworthy, I think, that physicians are becoming more and more involved in public affairs these days. As individuals they are working within the two political parties to support good candidates for public office; and increasingly they are presenting their own points of view to office-seekers and office-holders alike.

Health issues are, of course, vitally important to the well-being of the nation. Our concern is that they be discussed and debated freely and openly so that our legislators and government agencies--Federal, State and local--will draft and administer good laws.

On behalf of our Association's members, let me extend every good wish to you in your capacity as 1974 Campaign Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Sincerely,

Ernest B. Howard, M.D.