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Dr. Henry Blackburn
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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

The New York Times reports that you are coordinating a study that will pick 12,000 healthy middle-aged men for a test of a program to reduce coronary risk. This will no doubt work out nicely for most of the men whose risk is lessened, and I'm all for that, but why just men? Did it never strike you that plenty of middle-aged women lead demanding lives, that some women are just as foolish as men about smoking, that business and social pressures on women will probably increase, and that now might be an

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excellent time for a pilot study of coronary risk that involves women as well as men?

I would be interested to know the reasoning that settled on men alone for this study.

Sincerely,

Jessie Kitching

Return as is:

Good question! Pragmatic answer:
Because women in these ages have about 1/5 the rate of coronary disease & would have to be 5 times larger & more expensive! The wives & families of the men are invited to participate in the research made. Cordially, HB

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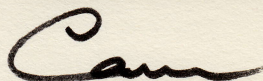
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Dear Henry:

Thanks for providing me with your testimony to be given today before Senator Kennedy's committee. I don't know whether you have testified before this man previously, but if he is there and in his usual good form, you will find it a stimulating experience. Despite his genetic background and record at Chappaquiddick, Ted Kennedy is one of the most effective congressional chairmen in generating media interest that you will ever find. His staff prepares him well and provide him with questions and repartee that you should enjoy.

Again, thanks for once again helping the Cause. Don't you ever visit your brother in New York anymore?

Best personal regards,



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