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Honorable Walter F. Mondale Senator from Minnesota 443 Old Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Mondale:

I was pleased to learn last week from Robert Levy, Director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, that you were to be invited to address the Third National Conference on High Blood Pressure Control next April in Washington, D.C. As I'm sure you know, high blood pressure is one of the chief elements of risk in premature death from strokes, heart attacks and heart failure. It is probably the condition most practical and amenable to attempt to control, thus reducing and preventing premature disability and death.

I am hopeful that you will be able to respond to his invitation. This would effectively identify your interests and those of the new administration with this important health problem, its prevention and control.

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