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TO THE HONORABLE RICHARD MILHOUSE NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

We, the undersigned, do hereby protest the discrimination exercised against the Chiropractic profession by Medicare. This imposes a very definite hardship on many of us, the nature of whose illnesses can only be effectively treated by the Chiropractor.

Naturally and logically we seek to have the freedom to go to such men as are able to give us the care that we need and each type of treatment has its place. Therefore the Chiropractor has as much right to take his place in the society and to be recognized by that society as any other profession that is able to render effective service to that society.

We believe that it is the tradition of the United States to be impartial and utterly fair. We believe that discrimination is something that is completely foreign to the very life and principles of this great country. We have this confidence that you are the kind of man who would stand for these very principles and standards and, while on the one hand you will ever seek to protect the people of this nation from any unjust and unfair practice, on the other hand you would not want to discriminate against any part of that society that is actually working for the good of the people and is well qualified to render good to that people.

And we testify from personal experience that the Chiropractor has done us nothing but good and we are more than grateful for his services. We need these services and feel very definitely that it is a disservice to a very definite segment of the community to make it more difficult for us to have such service than that of the regular medical profession. We therefore feel here and now that it is out of harmony with the principles of the United States Constitution as well as being unethical and unfair to so discriminate against the Chiropractor and we thus and therefore raise our voices against this appending our signatures hereto as testimony of this protest appealing hereby to you to reconsider this action and to so restate the law as to enable the Chiropractor to take his rightful place so that we can be afforded without disadvantage the care that we so much need.

We deeply protest against the unkind remarks made against the Chiropractic profession by the former Secretary, Mr. Wilburn J. Cohen.

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