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Dear Senators and Representatives:

While I strongly support the goal of health care reform, like many of our constituents, I am deeply troubled by the inclusion of the now infamous "Nebraska Compromise" in the Senate version of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (HR 3590). That provision, which amounts to nothing more than a sweetheart deal for Nebraska only, is poor public policy and not in the best interest of Arizona or the nation.

The Nebraska Compromise would operate to the disadvantage of every state and territory other than Nebraska. Arizonans and other U.S. taxpayers would be forced to pay for the proposed special benefit to Nebraskans only. I agree with the many Arizonans who have written to my office that such a burden would be fundamentally unfair.

I am also troubled that the Nebraska Compromise appears to have been achieved without public input.

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I strongly support transparency in lawmaking and believe that legislation that is subject to open deliberations and public comment will yield better public policy.

I request that the Nebraska Compromise be stripped from HR 3590 and not appear in any other health care legislation. I stand ready to work with you collectively and in a bipartisan manner to help achieve this important result.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Goddard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal line above the first name.

Terry Goddard  
Attorney General