

Set 1: mistak, serious, tri, wrong, mayb, charact, seem, disagree

Set 2: health, insur, care, cost, cover, afford, obamacar, premium

Set 3: record, vote, oppos, senat, financ, fought, parti, reform

Set 4: sir, minut, pleas, respond, goe, sorri, ask, statement

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AUDIENCE Senator Dole, I am Bertha Strategos, and I work in health care and its truly an honor to be here tonight to address both of you.

BOB DOLE Thank you.

AUDIENCE Being in health care — we have talked about a little bit about health care tonight, but mainly Medi- Cal and Medicare have been mentioned, but the private sector is a problem. Managed care is taking over, especially in California. And because of that, the quality of care is going downhill. There are many, many people who cannot get the tests that they need when they need them, and because of that, they are dying needlessly. There are many, many more lawsuits being presented against the managed care industry because of this. And I think its a real problem that needs to be addressed. What would you do if you were president?

BOB DOLE Well, one thing I did was oppose the government takeover health care that President Clinton offered in 1993, which created 17 new taxes and 50 new bureaucracies and price controls, because we were afraid the very thing you mentioned would have happened. Everybody would have been forced into managed care. You couldnt have chosen your own doctor and that would have been the end. And I think right now we got to go back. I know theyve appointed a commission to take a look at managed care. Maybe thats part of the answer. But it seems to me if we start to take choices away from people and if we drive them into one type care, eliminate fee- for- service altogether or eliminate the fact you can go to your own doctor, you have to go somewhere else, then I think weve taken a giant step backward in the United States of America. We have the best health care delivery system in the world and we want to keep it that way. Thats why we opposed the government take over health care plan that President Clinton tried and tried and tried to get through Congress. Didnt get it done. And ended up we had more votes than he had, then they decided to pull the plug. It was a big, big mistake. Now whether or not hell do that again Ive heard some of the people say, well, thats the model we ought to use and if hes reelected maybe he will come back and try it again. I hope not. I hope not in both cases. But it does seem to me that youve raised a very important point that needs to be addressed. Youre going to have to watch it. Gonna have to take a look at all the managed care going on in California, or were going to end up losing our best care that we have in the world.