



Rosalynn Carter & Betty Bumpers



VYF Co-founders – Building Immunization Coalitions since the 1970s



Governor's Mansion
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

May 8, 1991

Dear Betty:

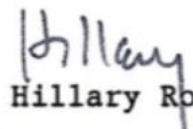
I enjoyed our too-short visit and hope we can prolong it the next time you are in the State. I am enclosing a copy of a letter that a friend of yours and a new acquaintance of mine, Carrol J. Howard, sent to me and asked that I forward on to you. It is a beautiful letter and certainly conveys many of the thoughts and feelings that I have about the sorts of obligations we are meant to fulfill here on earth. I will look for an opportunity to visit with Mrs. Howard and thank her in person.

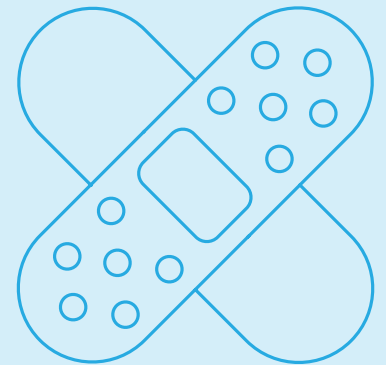
We have now scheduled the meeting about immunization for the Governor's Mansion on Friday, May 24, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. If there were any way you were planning to be in the State around that time, we would love to have you attend.

I am ready to do whatever you want me to do on revving up the immunization drive. Dale told me when I saw him at Mary Ann Campbell's event recently that you and Rosalyn Carter have gotten very little support and help from the Bush administration. So, what else is new? Please let me know how I can help.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton



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Every Child By Two
The Carter/Bumpers Campaign for Early Immunization

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Tipper Gore, Betty Bumpers Promote National Preschool Immunization Week

To draw attention to the need for timely vaccinations, Vice Presidential Spouse Tipper Gore joined Betty Bumpers for a visit to Massachusetts during National Preschool Immunization Week. They visited with parents and providers at Boston City Hospital, discussed immunization with public health officials at the Massachusetts Medical Society, and toured the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Biologic Laboratories, where DTP vaccine is manufactured. Tipper Gore called the state's program a "model for the nation."

Massachusetts is one of a small number of states committed to universal vaccine distribution. Since the state has a limited public health system, over eighty percent of the needed vaccines are distributed through the private sector. The remaining shots are delivered at public sites such as local boards of health, community health centers, public hospitals, and visiting nurses associations.

With this universal program, the success is better than average. The 1992 retrospective survey of children entering kindergarten showed that 65% of Massachusetts

children had completed the basic immunization series. This puts the state among the top four in the nation for immunizing preschool children (the others are Rhode Island, Tennessee, and New Hampshire).

But the state is not resting on its laurels—the Massachusetts Immunization Program recently hired five regional immunization nurses, who will provide technical assistance in implementing the Standards for Pediatric Immunization Practices, help assess immunization levels in clinics, and conduct education and training about vaccinations and vaccine management.

Information about this and other model programs is contained in ECBT's "Model Immunization Program" packet. See order form enclosed.



Tipper Gore feeds a contented infant, Trevor Carrington, during the ECBT visit to Boston City Hospital's pediatric unit. (Photo by Renee Dekona)

Immunization Bill Moves Forward

Legislation that encapsulates President Clinton's vaccine initiative has now been reviewed and voted on. Neither the House nor the Senate version retained the President's original universal vaccine purchase proposal, which would have established federal purchase of free vaccines for all children. Both however, retain a broad approach to improve and institutionalize the nation's immunization delivery system. Components include a national immunization tracking program

and increased funding for infrastructure, education, and outreach.

The House and Senate versions of the bill differ as to which children would receive free vaccinations as well as to what extent and for which children states would be able to purchase additional vaccines at the federal contract price.* In the House version, vaccines would be provided free for all children who do not have insurance that covers immunizations, while in the Senate version, only children on Medicaid

would receive the free vaccines. The Senate version however, would freeze the public price for vaccines for five years, whereas the House version would not.

Other provisions, such as a requirement for sufficient reimbursement to private physicians who administer immunizations to children on Medicaid, were not included in the Senate-approved version of the legislation. In addition, the Senate version did not include a requirement for negotia-

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Centers for Disease Control
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Atlanta GA 30333

August 12, 1999

Mrs. Betty Bumpers
Every Child by Two
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Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mrs. Bumpers:

On behalf of U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, we invite you to join us for a working luncheon to formulate a strategy to sustain the nation's success in childhood immunization. We need your expertise to help us develop a strategy that will prevent a resurgence of vaccine-preventable diseases among children. At least twice before, our Nation made aggressive efforts to raise immunization levels—and then let down its guard. The result in each case was epidemics or outbreaks of preventable diseases in children.

This meeting will bring together a small number of nationally-recognized leaders from medicine, public health, the insurance industry, large employers, and e-commerce to help us design a private-public collaboration for childhood immunization. The three-hour meeting will take place at a to-be-determined date and time in the coming months in Washington, D.C.

As you know, vaccines are the most effective and cost-efficient means of preventing infectious disease. Thanks to current vaccines, children can be protected against 11 serious diseases. The nation has exceeded its goal of having 90% or more of U.S. children receive the most critical doses of recommended vaccines by age two, but the challenge of maintaining such levels is ongoing. We must keep in mind that:

- 11,000 babies are born every day, with each child needing 15-19 doses of vaccine by age two.
- An increasing proportion of children have health insurance that includes vaccines, but insurance coverage alone does not ensure high immunization rates. Provider and parent education programs are vital--as are information systems that enable health care providers to accurately track vaccine histories and remind parents of needed immunizations.
- Immunization rates in many U.S. communities and neighborhoods are so low that they are vulnerable to future disease outbreaks.

1999 – ECBT/CDC/NVPO Meet to Develop Strategies to Sustain Success

Implementing these “*Strategies to Sustain Success*” requires leadership and participation beyond the public sector. Your vision can help us attain that involvement and set a new direction for childhood immunization programs in the United States. With your help, we hope to ensure that no child in this country dies from, or suffers with, a vaccine-preventable disease.

We hope you will accept Dr. Satcher's invitation to be a part of this Public Health Service initiative. Kay Johnson, who is coordinating the upcoming meeting, will be contacting you in the near future to confirm your willingness and ability to participate. She is also interested in learning which dates you would be available to come to Washington, D.C. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this initiative or the upcoming meeting, please call Kay Johnson at 802-482-3005.

Sincerely yours,

Walter A. Orenstein, M.D.
Director
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Robert F. Breiman, M.D.
Director
National Vaccine Program Office

Patricia Whitley-Williams, M.D.
Chair
Subcommittee on Coverage
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 2000



Mrs. Rosalynn Carter
The Carter Center
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Dear Rosalynn:

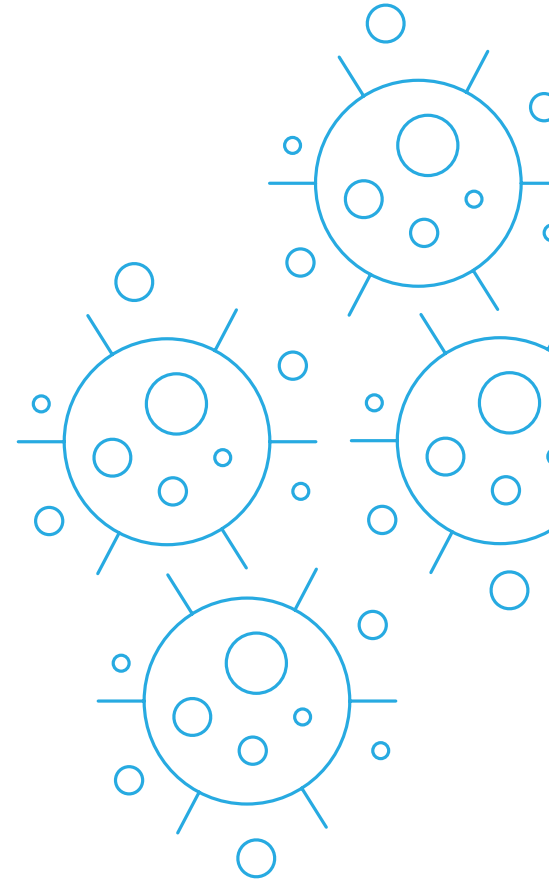
Thank you for your letter seeking an executive order to boost immunization rates among children and adolescents. I have shared your letter as well as Dr. Cook's with my health care advisor, Chris Jennings, and asked him to respond to you directly.

As you may know, my fiscal 2001 budget proposes almost \$1 billion for childhood immunizations, including the Vaccines for Children program and CDC's discretionary immunization program. My Administration is working hard to ensure that all our nation's children are protected against preventable diseases, and I was glad to get your ideas on how we can further advance this crucial goal.

I'm glad to know that you enjoyed your time at the White House -- I loved seeing all the kids! Hillary and I hope to see you again soon, and we send our best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill".



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Every Child By Two

The Carter/Bumpers Campaign For Early Immunization

July 20, 2001

Bill Clinton
c/o The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to ask you to help me institutionalize childhood immunization, something I've been working on for 30 years.

Rosalynn Carter and I spent a lot of our time through the seventies getting state laws passed that made immunization mandatory for school entry. Many parents thought immunizations could be safely delayed until their kids reached school age. We founded Every Child By Two to awaken parents to the dangers their children were facing.

You can help make this initiative work by visiting a WIC site. In my experience as the spouse of a governor and senator, I found that WIC welcomes high profile visitors. WIC staff and the children both benefit from our attention. And you can convey the information you glean from these visits to make a difference in the lives of low-income children. Rosalynn and I have paid countless visits to WIC sites around the country, and we always leave with powerful messages for Washington and a restored faith that mothers want to protect their children.

Sincerely,



Betty Bumpers

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Rosalynn Carter
Betty F. Bumpers

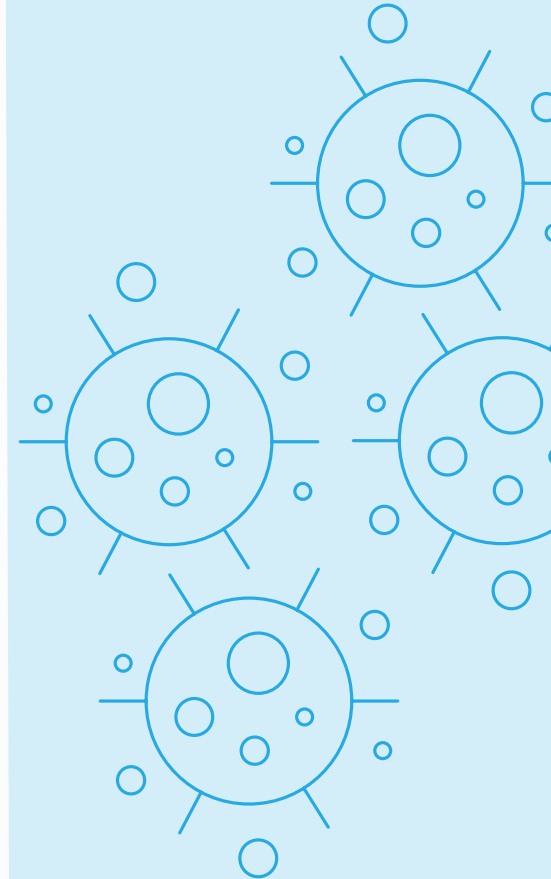
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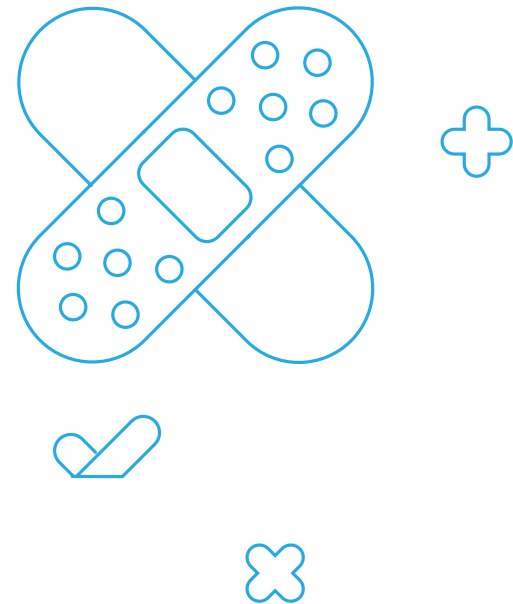
Clinton issues
Executive
Order
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Bumpers / Arkansas Video

Betty Bumpers
Interviewed by Scott Lunsford
March 10, 2010
Little Rock, Arkansas

"Rosalynn Carter and
National Immunizations"









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Peace Links Gala

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*First ladies, health advocates give
New Mexico a much-needed booster shot*



Luis Sánchez Saturno/The New Mexican

Former first lady Rosalynn Carter, right, and New Mexico's first lady Barbara Richardson, left, talk with 9-year-old Edwin Amador of Santa Fe while he waits for his mom at La Familia's southside clinic. The first ladies helped kick off a campaign to boost immunization of children under 2 years old.

CLOSING THE VACCINATION GAP: A Shot in the Arm for Childhood Immunization Programs



AUGUST 2004

PREVENTING EPIDEMICS.
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Donna Shalala –
Immunization
Advocate

