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Madame Nancy Pelosi
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Mrs. Speaker,

Now that Health Care has been established as a right, and not a privilege, in the greater 57 states, I find it prudent for our esteemed Congress to address yet another pressing issue Americans are facing today: a particular disparity in food preparation and subsequent meal qualities. Many unfortunate Americans lack the knowledge, skills, and ability to properly accumulate and prepare food for home-based consumption.

The epidemic our nation faces is blatantly obvious upon only cursory review of a local grocery store. Provisions are on the shelves, and depending on the price of gasoline, they seem reasonably priced. But a spectre now haunts us, as an under-privileged minority in this country lacks the capacity to overcome the obstacles associated with making food out of groceries.

Speaking for myself, I am only proficient at preparing some variance of shrimp pasta at the stove. Although I have mastered food preparation on a charcoal grill, those talents do not serve me well in the winter, when it is too cold to cook outside. My wife, on the other hand, is a victuals-elitist, which is simply *not fair*.

For all those inept at food preparation, I take this stand.

The right to a good meal in this country should not be restricted to those who cannot afford it. What's more, even if an individual can afford to buy provisions, they should not face discrimination - at their own dinner table - based on their cooking abilities.

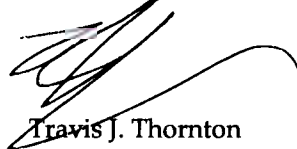
This is a matter of utmost importance, and I am sure our federal government, with you at the helm, knows best how to address this issue. As a lowly citizen, may I humbly suggest a weekly schedule of menus and recipes, dictating which foods to eat, how often, with specific instructions for preparing individual meals.

I understand the First Lady, Michelle Obama, may already be preparing such an agenda for the American people; consider this letter my pledge of allegiance to her. Of course, such a program would not be complete without the proper subsidies for those who cannot afford meals, translators for those who cannot read the menus, taxes for those who already know how to cook, exemptions for families that are split on the issue (such as my own), and penalties for those who do not comply with the individually mandated schedule.

May I also suggest that as the Speaker of the House, you continue to ignore your Article 1, Section 8 "guidelines," which grants Congress specific enumerated powers, as you did when passing your historic Health Care legislation. I am sure the Founders didn't *really* mean to tie your hands when it came to passing what *you* deem important.

One final suggestion: This program should be enacted for such a time until Congress finds a way to combat the rather inconvenient changes in weather, which would enable Americans such as me to cook outside in the winter.

Prudence indeed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Travis J. Thornton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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P.S. Please feel free to use my personal sob-story for reference.