

August 19, 2009

The Honorable Walt Minnick  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Minnick

Many Idahoans, including myself, were very disappointed that you were unable to visit Northern Idaho and meet your constituents in the standard public "town hall" meeting format to discuss the very important issue of healthcare and the President's proposal. Many Idahoans would like to hear your views and give you our views in a free and open venue, face to face, with the person representing us in Congress. Although you have scheduled conference calls concerning this issue, we feel they can be interpreted as a tactic to avoid meeting with the people of Idaho in a public and open forum. We would like to give you an opportunity to hear from your constituents free of the restrictions and filters of a conference call.

I am president of an organization called the Kootenai County Reagan Republicans and at our monthly evening meeting in July we had a candidate for your seat, Vaughn Ward, speak. We would like to extend the same opportunity to you and invite you to be the featured speaker at an open town hall format event on September 3. I have been told you will still be in Idaho, so we would like to invite you to be our guest at a public meeting at the Coeur d'Alene Resort at 7:00pm. We hope you will be able to attend to meet face to face with your constituents concerning this very important issue. Please call me at 208-457-2717 or email [jeffreylward@msn.com](mailto:jeffreylward@msn.com) to confirm.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Ward

President, Kootenai County Reagan Republicans