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Dear John,

This letter is being written with the utmost concern and has been endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Bulloch County. In recent months the debate over health care reform and the economy has more than saturated the news networks, newspapers, and our daily lives. It is for certain that our country is at a crucial historical moment. It is during these times that we must make **meaningful, bold moves for the long-term well being of our beloved country.**

Several months ago, one of my dear friends lost his battle with his ever failing health. In an effort to help him, several members of the community raised money to help pay for his medical expenses. Near the end of his life, his friends and family received the news that he was in dire need of a heart transplant. Well, suffice it to say, he was unable to get the transplant and eventually lost his battle. As I have reflected on my friend's life, it is clear that his death was due to a lack of consistent health insurance.

Mr. Barrow, I understand that there is a lot on your plate and as a public servant you are often pulled in many directions. Nonetheless, you must understand that you are more than just this region's representative. You are one of its leaders. Rosalyn Carter once said, "A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be." **John, we want a health reform bill that has the public option. Any bill without a public option is a win for the lobbyists and the insurance companies.**

Mr. Barrow, we have supported you throughout your time in the House. Even in the cases where we did not agree with your voting record, we stood firm and said John Barrow is our guy and we will back him. However, now our concern has grown into action. So, please be advised, that as **chair of the Candidate Recruitment Committee for the Democratic Party of Bulloch County**, an active search for a **Democratic challenger** in upcoming elections for the 12th district is a strong possibility. As always, you have an open invitation to meet with our membership to share your specific view points and **clarify your motivations regarding this pivotal point in healthcare reform.** We hope that you will actively support moving our country forward and support President Obama, as we do. (We have not forgotten how President Obama publicly supported you during the last election.) *Please do not take our trust in your service for granted.*

Best regards,

Jonathan McCollar

cc: Executive Committee, Democratic Party of Bulloch County