



November 10, 2008

President-elect Barack Obama
Office of the President-elect
P.O. Box 8102
Chicago, Illinois 60680

Dear President-elect Obama:

On behalf of the over 15,000 members of the American Chiropractic Association (ACA), it is my distinct honor to bid you sincere congratulations on your election to become the 44th President of the United States. Your campaign and subsequent victory was indeed awe-inspiring and a tremendous accomplishment.

As you've pointed out many times during the campaign, one of the first issues you'll face is the need to correct the deficiencies of America's current health delivery system. The ACA fully acknowledges that consensus -- among public policy makers, the consumer public, and the varied stakeholders significantly involved in the provisioning of health care services -- does not yet exist regarding the extent of reforms needed or how best to structure or achieve meaningful reform. Recognizing this reality, the ACA welcomes and encourages a renewed debate by your incoming Administration, Congress and other concerned parties that would focus, in detail, on the broad issue of health care reform and access to care.

Your support for chiropractic during the campaign was duly noted by our profession and our patients. As you know, in recent years, in recognition of the value and benefits of chiropractic care, Congress has passed, and the President has signed into law, legislation establishing a chiropractic care benefit for America's active duty military personnel and veterans. In spite of the progress chiropractic patients have made, more needs to be done to overcome barriers to chiropractic care and ensure that doctors of chiropractic are integrated fully into Medicare and other Federal health care programs, like the Public Health Service, the National Health Service Corps and TRICARE. Regarding this, the ACA looks forward to working closely with you to pass pro-chiropractic, and most importantly, *pro-patient* legislation during your term.

In closing, please accept our heartfelt congratulations on your victory. Again, on behalf of the chiropractic profession and the millions of patients that benefit from chiropractic care, be assured that the ACA stands at the ready to play an active role in the health care debate and any reform process that may unfold.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dr. Glenn D. Manceaux'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Glenn D. Manceaux, DC
President