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Project Civil Discourse
Arizona Humanities Council
1242 North Central Avenue
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Dear sirs:

I want to commend the organizers of "Speaking, Not Shouting: A Community Conversation About Healthcare Reform" for their forthright efforts to discuss the issue of healthcare in an inclusive, constructive and civil public dialogue.

Healthcare is a highly personal and emotional issue that profoundly impacts each of our lives. Facts have often gotten lost amidst the intensity of the argument. I appreciate your efforts to sort through and discuss the key questions underlying the ongoing healthcare debate with an eye toward civil and respectful discourse.

As a former government and civics teacher, I applaud your goals. As a Member of the House of Representatives, I look forward to hearing the outcome and details of this important conversation as Congress continues its work on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harry E. Mitchell".

Harry E. Mitchell
Member of Congress

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