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The Hon. Senator Edward F. Kennedy  
United States Senate  
Capitol Hill  
Washington DC  
USA

Dear Senator Kennedy,

It may interest you to know that my late father, Augusto Bunge, M.D., authored a National Health Insurance plan, which he presented to the Argentine Congress in 1936. As I recall, it was a very comprehensive plan and it occupied about 1,000 printed pages of the Diario de Sesiones de la Honorable Cámara de Diputados de la República Argentina.

Despite the time elapsed since that project was presented, your staff might find some valuable information and suggestions in it, for my father was an eminent social hygienist and a successful politician. In fact he was the first to publish a long study on social medicine in this continent, and was a congressman for twenty years.

Unfortunately I do not have a copy of that project, but I suppose you could obtain it easily. In any case, I wish you luck with your own courageous project and hope that you won't be discouraged by the attacks of the AMA, which is only defending its vested interests.

Sincerely yours,

Mario Bunge  
Professor