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Dear Ruth,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Bernadine Healy, the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), regarding your brother's treatment. I am very sorry to hear of your brother's death. However, I am glad you took the time to share your concerns with me.

As chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee which funds NIH, I will certainly keep your comments in mind as we approach mark-up for Fiscal 1993 appropriations. I have long supported biomedical research at NIH and believe strongly in the good things that have been done at that institution. I appreciate having the benefit of your views in this respect.

I hope you will continue to keep in touch as I always enjoy hearing from people who have Iowa connections. I also appreciate your kind words of support. Best wishes.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Senator

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