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THE REGIS AND KATHY LEE SHOW

(Applause)

REGIS: -- oh, absolutely, yes.

KATHY LEE: Very big honor.

REGIS: We are terribly flattered today to have Mrs. Clinton with us. You know, she could go anywhere, be on any show. And yet she selected our little show. Yes. And look who's wearing the short skirt today, too.

KATHY LEE: I wore my cheerleader outfit for it.

REGIS: We have the President's wife with us today.

KATHY LEE: I know.

REGIS: I can't believe it, but -- okay.

All right. It's been a year since the election, you know. And Mrs. Clinton certainly has been a very visible First Lady -- not only has conquered this country, but the entire world. And so we're going to find out what is new in her life, and here she is -- Hillary Rodham Clinton, everybody. (Applause)

KATHY LEE: Hello. Hello.

REGIS: It's nice to see you again.

MRS. CLINTON: Hello. Thank you.

KATHY LEE: It's so nice to see you again.

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MRS. CLINTON: Thank you. I'm so glad to be back. It was about Halloween last time I was here.

REGIS: That's right. It was just about --

KATHY LEE: It was a month before the election.

MRS. CLINTON: That's right. That's exactly right.

REGIS: Just about a year ago you came on this show, and look what happened to you. And look what -- nothing happened to us.

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, now that's not true.

REGIS: We're still here fighting for our life.

KATHY LEE: You're going to say you made her a star too, right? Typical.

REGIS: Oh, no, no. She made herself a star. Anyway, congratulations on everything.

MRS. CLINTON: Thank you. Thank you. Glad to see you.

KATHY LEE: And what a year you've had.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, it's been a wonderful year.

KATHY LEE: But he never wore the headband I gave him.

MRS. CLINTON: No.

KATHY LEE: You remember?

MRS. CLINTON: I remember that. I did, I took it. I loved it. Thank you.

REGIS: That's right. I remember that headband. Yes.

KATHY LEE: That's right. That's right, because it was about Halloween.

REGIS: That's right. Is it everything you thought

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it was going to be? Or is it more, or is it less? Or is it --

MRS. CLINTON: It's different, too. I mean, it is so hard to imagine until you're there.

KATHY LEE: Until you're in it.

MRS. CLINTON: It really is. And all of a sudden, you're in it. And things start to happen, and there is so much going on at one time. But it's wonderful. It's a great experience. And you get to meet so many terrific people.

KATHY LEE: Are you still pinching yourself at this point -- that there's a Henry Kissinger, or a whomever that's sitting at the table with you?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. And that I'm living in the White House, you know, places that -- in the house, you walk and you read something about what Lincoln did there, or Jefferson did there, or Dolley Madison, or Eleanor Roosevelt. It's just extraordinary.

REGIS: Where do you and Bill hang out? I mean, what is your -- (Laughter)

KATHY LEE: Where do you guys hang?

MRS. CLINTON: See how personal they get, so fast. (Laughter)

REGIS: Well, what is your niche there? Is it upstairs?

MRS. CLINTON: It is. It's on the second floor, and we use the whole house. We've tried to just make it a home as well as this wonderful museum of American history. And we spend a lot of time in the warm weather out on the Truman Balcony, which is just a glorious place. We would go out; we would have meals out there; we would sit and read.

We spend a lot of time up on the third floor. There's a wonderful room called the solarium. Nearly every President has told me that it was one of their favorite places, because you're just up on top of the house, and it's really private, yet there are windows all around.

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KATHY LEE: It's cozy?

MRS. CLINTON: It is. It's real cozy. And, you know, we've got all of our things around. So we have all our family pictures and knickknacks and stuff.

REGIS: Sure.

KATHY LEE: But it ain't Little Rock.

MRS. CLINTON: No, it's not. And the hardest part for us is that it's hard to establish the kind of patterns of a life that, you know, give you some pleasure, like going to your favorite store or stopping by to see your friends --

KATHY LEE: Restaurants.

MRS. CLINTON: -- or, yes, going out to eat. So we try to do some of that. But it's a lot harder.

REGIS: Well, I remember a story -- it kind of touched me, too -- that when you were in Little Rock in the Governor's Mansion, that you were able to leave the house and kind of wander down the street and drop in and play -- what was it -- a Parcheesi -- what was that game?

MRS. CLINTON: We played a lot of Scrabble --

REGIS: Scrabble, yes.

MRS. CLINTON: -- and Trivial Pursuit and all of those games. Yes. And, you know, go by and see your friends and find out what's going on. I mean, I had -- in Arkansas I has so many friends that you could just literally drop in on. It's a little hard to drop in now.

REGIS AND KATHY LEE: Uh-huh. Yes.

MRS. CLINTON: You know, I'm working on trying to figure out how do drop in, so it -- (Laughter)

KATHY LEE: So there's a feeling of isolation that comes just naturally with --

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. And you have to fight it. I have so much more sympathy with everyone who has ever lived there before, and all of the Presidents, because you can see

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how easy it is to get out of touch.

You know, you stop going to the store for yourself. I mean, I try to go, and Chelsea and I go still. You stop going to the gas station and filling your car up. You stop visiting people on the street.

And that's one of the reasons my husband keeps jogging every morning. I mean, he literally loves getting out there. And people stop him and they say, "Mr. President, I want to tell you about this problem," or "have you thought about that?" And it's a way of having --

KATHY LEE: Contact.

MRS. CLINTON: Yes, and not having it all arranged. Most times when people go to see the President, you have to get an appointment, you have to then go through all the security and everything. So this is a way he has of trying to be a person while he still is President.

KATHY LEE: We understand that the kitchen is a favorite area of yours and that you're known to go in there on occasion, when Chelsea's not feeling well or whatever, and cook up a little something. We would love for you to cook in the kitchen for us sometime.

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, great, great.

REGIS: How about some grits?

MRS. CLINTON: Great, yes. Well, you know, that was one of the first things we learned, is that -- until the Kennedys -- all of the meals by every Presidential family were taken down on the State floor. And then Mrs. Kennedy put in a beautiful formal dining room on the second floor. And then there was a kitchen, but it was a serving kitchen. So when I first went to look at the house, I said, "When it's just the three of us, we'd like to eat in the kitchen like we do at home --"

KATHY LEE: Like normal people.

MRS. CLINTON: -- you know, like the way I grew up. Like normal people. And they said, "Eat in the kitchen?" And I said, "Yes." So I bought a table and chairs, and we put it in the kitchen. And we cook, and we warm things up

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out of the refrigerator.

And I think for a while some of the people were a little bit concerned, because that's not the way it had ever been done. But, in fact, I went in and cleaned the kitchen one weekend, and one of the long-time butlers came in and goes, "I don't believe this. I don't believe this."

(Laughter)

KATHY LEE: You cleaned it?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, I mean, you know, just kind of wipe it off.

KATHY LEE: She kind of rearranged shelves.

MRS. CLINTON: I find that relaxing, you know.

REGIS: But you can't do that. She doesn't even clean the kitchen. (Laughter)

KATHY LEE: Yes, I do.

REGIS: Please.

MRS. CLINTON: We will go over there and clean the kitchen for you right now.

REGIS: That's right. We'll take care of you.

KATHY LEE: It's a date. It's a mess.

REGIS: But here's what I don't understand about -- about, you know, the White House, and all of the pressures, and so on. You've got these State dinners. You've got all these functions. You're up early in the morning.

KATHY LEE: How do you do it?

REGIS: Yes, how do you do it? Does he take a nap during the day?

MRS. CLINTON: Sometimes he does. You know, he never used to. But one of the things we've learned is how many Presidents do. They would go off for an hour, an hour and a half. I think Truman and Kennedy took naps every day. And many of the others took naps periodically when they

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needed them, because when you get up so early and you start your day with CIA briefings and find out what's going on all over the world that happened overnight, then you immediately move into these meetings that are nonstop, and you have to do the public events, plus all of the private -- you know, by three or four o'clock in the afternoon, you've only done half your day.

REGIS: Yeah, that's right.

KATHY LEE: Oh, it seems mind-boggling.

MRS. CLINTON: And I think it's very important to stay well rested and centered, because, you know, these decisions come one right after the other.

KATHY LEE: And you have to be so sharp all the time, because one sound bite that's taken out of context or misunderstood in whatever way can be a disaster for you in a PR sense.

MRS. CLINTON: That's right.

REGIS: You know, I played in a tennis tournament with George Bush a couple of weeks ago --

MRS. CLINTON: Uh-huh.

REGIS: He looks like he's 16 years old again.

KATHY LEE: Yeah.

REGIS: Relaxed, carefree, fun.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, we had the best time when we had that wonderful signing agreement between Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization, and we had former Presidents. And we had both President Carter and Mrs. Carter and President Bush spend the night, and President and Mrs. Ford came for dinner.

So I don't think there had ever been four living Presidents in the house, and then three spending the night. And I was really pleased, because you're right. He looks good. President Carter looks good. And President Ford who is 80 years old, looks unbelievable.

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REGIS: Yes. Yes.

KATHY LEE: He is so sexy, that President Ford.  
(Laughter) I've told him that to his face.

MRS. CLINTON: I danced with him once.

KATHY LEE: Then you know. Isn't he a great dancer? Oh, please.

MRS. CLINTON: I know it. That's right.  
(Laughter)

REGIS: What are we, at a junior prom here?  
(Laughter) I'm trying to interview the President. I mean the -- (Laughter) -- I mean Mrs. Clinton. No, but she's always saying how good President Ford looks. And he does. He's 80 years old.

KATHY LEE: Mrs. Ford, too.

MRS. CLINTON: And Mrs. Ford is wonderful.

REGIS: Oh, the pressure of that office is --

KATHY LEE: I thought President Clinton was so gracious to include the other Presidents in that process, because he did give them great -- great respect and credence for what they had accomplished in their years in office.

MRS. CLINTON: You know, I think that's one of his major hopes, is that we can kind of get beyond politics as usual, and that we can bring people together and try to get some problems solved for the country. And we ought to embrace people and include them, and not exclude them and draw lines between ourselves. And that's just the way he is.

REGIS: That's good. Now, you know who's in the audience?

KATHY LEE: I do.

REGIS: Yes, Mrs. Clinton's mother is here, and incidentally, I am told --

KATHY LEE: And she's going, "Oh, don't put me on camera." (Laughter)

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MRS. CLINTON: That's exactly what she's doing.  
(Laughter) She's a big fan of you. She doesn't want to be on this show.

REGIS: She loves me, just (inaudible) Kathy Lee.

KATHY LEE: You know what you told me is that she just loved you.

REGIS: Well, that's right. (Laughter) What is her name?

KATHY LEE: Her name is Dorothy Rodham.

REGIS: Dorothy, it's nice to have you here.  
(Applause)

KATHY LEE: It sure is. (Applause)

REGIS: Thank you very much. Well, you know, you must be terribly proud of your daughter, eh?

MRS. RODHAM: I always have been.

REGIS: Yes, of course. But did you know she was going to become, you know, the First Lady?

MRS. RODHAM: I knew she was going to become something. (Laughter)

REGIS: Yes. Did she --

KATHY LEE: That's a mother's faith.

MRS. CLINTON: That sure is. Yes.

REGIS: Did she show you that as a young girl? What was she like?

MRS. RODHAM: Well, how long is this show?  
(Laughter)

REGIS: Was she always a go-getter, and, you know, an organizer, and --

MRS. RODHAM: No. Actually, she was more -- kind of introspective, actually. But then later on she was a

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leader in school, and all that sort of thing.

REGIS: Now, when she brought him home --  
(Laughter)

MRS. CLINTON: Mom, remember, you're on national television. (Laughter)

KATHY LEE: Remember those sound bite problems.

REGIS: You know how you've got to take a long look at these guys, because you don't know who's walking in the door. What were your first impressions?

MRS. RODHAM: Where's Arkansas? (Laughter) No, I always liked Bill, really.

REGIS: You always got along?

MRS. RODHAM: Yes. Exceptionally.

REGIS: No mother-in-law jokes here.

MRS. RODHAM: No. None.

KATHY LEE: A mother just wants to know her child is going to be loved and cared for.

MRS. RODHAM: That's right.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, I mean, you know, we took my parents on our honeymoon. That's how much my husband likes my parents. I mean, that's -- (Laughter)

REGIS: Holy cow, really?

KATHY LEE: Don't you think that's pushing it a little far.

MRS. CLINTON: Yes, well, we had a good time, but it was a little different.

REGIS: Where did you go on your honeymoon?

MRS. CLINTON: We went to Mexico. We went to Acapulco. Actually, my mother tells the story that we got married on a Saturday, and we were both teaching, so we had

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to go back to work on Monday, so we were thinking about a honeymoon. And my mother and father were going to go to Acapulco, so we're the ones who said, "Gee, that sounds great. Let's do that." (Laughter) And we just -- they thought it was a little weird, but we had a wonderful time. (Laughter)

KATHY LEE: And you could do a little research on NAFTA while you were there. (Laughter)

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, yes, that's right.

REGIS: That's where it all began.

KATHY LEE: That's where it all began.

REGIS: Let pause. We'll come right back with more from Hillary Rodham Clinton in a moment. (Applause)

(Station break) (Applause)

KATHY LEE: -- are you kidding? (Laughter)

REGIS: All right, our guest is Hillary Rodham Clinton, and of course, as the whole world knows, you have been talking and spending a great deal of time on your -- I guess your favorite project, which is the national health insurance, and seem to be doing quite well, too. Charged up on that hill -- nobody took a hill like that since Teddy Roosevelt.

KATHY LEE: That's right, really -- or Eleanor.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, but I'll tell you, I think that it's because most people know that if you're lucky enough to have health insurance, you can't be sure that you'll have it next year, or how much it will cost.

REGIS: Yes.

KATHY LEE: Yes.

MRS. CLINTON: And if something happens, you know, you may not be able to afford what you need. And I know -- I think about that with my daughter, and you think about it now with your son and your beautiful new daughter, that if -- I met a family, for example, that had a child born 15 months

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ago with serious problems.

They had insurance, but they had a million dollar limit. This child was in the hospital for the last year. They exhausted their insurance. They cannot get insured so that they can bring their baby home and take care of their baby with nurses and equipment in the house, which is what they want to do.

So this family -- which is a very well-off family -- had to put their child on Medicaid, which is the welfare medical system, so the child could continue being taken care of in the hospital, when they want to bring the baby home to take care of the baby themselves.

I met another couple who just started a new business. They're so excited about their business, but they're just getting it up and going. And, because they're a small business, they can't get insurance at an affordable cost, and they had to tell their two sons -- you know, Frank could relate to this -- "You can't go out for sports this year, because if you get hurt, we can't afford that."

So it's a problem that affects everybody, even those of us lucky enough, thank God, to be healthy and to have insurance. None of us can be sure we will have it this time next year.

REGIS: So what happens now? We are insured by our union. And there is a deductible, you know, and then I believe they pay 80 percent, we pay 20 percent, and that's the way it's been all through our careers.

KATHY LEE: But you mentioned a million dollars before. Who would have ever thought when you took out that policy that within a year you could go through a million dollars. You don't know what the future holds.

MRS. CLINTON: That's right. But what you have with your policy, an 80/20 contribution, is what we want for every American. But now, not all businesses are as big as some of the ones that you all work for. So what we want to do is to give discounts to small businesses so that they can afford it. So that no matter who you work for or where you work or whether you've ever been sick before, you will be insured.

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So the kind of insurance you have is what the President wants to make available to the entire country. The reason we haven't been able to do it is because under the way the insurance system works now, if you don't have a union or you don't have an employer who's contributing -- you're out there on your own -- it's very hard to afford insurance.

REGIS: Absolutely.

MRS. CLINTON: And if you are working for somebody who doesn't help you pay for it, and you don't make very much money, it's hard to afford insurance. So if we take everybody and we say, "Look, the important thing is not how you pay for your insurance. The important thing is who your doctors are, what hospitals you go to."

That's what we should focus our attention on. So if we all pool our money, the way that you all do through your union and employment, we will all be able to afford to have good comprehensive health care.

REGIS: You see, but here is what scares me. I'm at the point in my life where I have little faith in my government to run this correctly.

KATHY LEE: Yes.

REGIS: I can't think of three things the federal government does well.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, what about Social Security? You know, we've always -- you know, we've got a trust fund that has a surplus, and we have to take care of it, but it's there. This is not going to be government run. See, unlike some people who have said we ought to have a government-run health care system, the President said, "That's not what's wrong with our American health care system. We have the best health care in the world. We just haven't made it affordable for everybody.

REGIS: So who's going to run it?

MRS. CLINTON: The local physicians and hospitals and insurance companies who run it now. But, see, unlike today, where insurance companies make their money, really, by kind of limiting who they insure -- because they only want to insure healthy people, and they want to have those limits so

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that if you bust them they don't have to take care of you anymore -- they're going to have to go back to making money the old-fashioned way, a little bit of money on everybody.

So we all contribute and they take care of all of us. But you are going to be in charge of deciding who your health plan is. Now, many employers today tell you what doctors you can go to. In fact, what's happening today is that more and more employers are restricting choices for people.

Under the President's plan, every year you will get to pick among all the health plans: you want to have a Connecticut plan with a New York plan, a New York plan, a New Jersey plan -- whatever. You can pick among all the plans that are available to you. That's your decision.

REGIS: And my premium is going to stay the same?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes, your premiums -- if you're already insured, as you are -- 70 percent of the people are already insured who have good benefits, which you do because of who you work for. You will pay the same or less.

REGIS: Who will pay for those who don't have any insurance?

MRS. CLINTON: Well, the way it will work is like this. There are 30 percent of the people, some of whom have insurance, but it's the barest of bones. It's like a \$3000 or \$5000 catastrophic deductible policy. They're going to have to pay a little bit more, but they're going to get preventive health care, they're going to get all the kinds of services you have.

And then some of the people, primarily young people, have not been paying very much because they're young and healthy -- just the kind of people insurance companies love to insure. They're going to have to pay a little bit more.

REGIS: Supposing they don't have any money to pay for their health insurance?

MRS. CLINTON: Then, what we're going to be doing is taking money that is now already in the system. Like, for example, we pay a lot of money to hospitals that take care of

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people who have no money. It's called uncompensated care. Once everybody contributes, we're not going to have to spend that money on uncompensated care. We're going to be able to spend it to help take care of the unemployed, to take care of the truly disadvantaged.

REGIS: And there will be enough money?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. Plus a tobacco tax.

KATHY LEE: What tobacco tax?

MRS. CLINTON: The tobacco tax is very important.

KATHY LEE: Any more sin taxes?

MRS. CLINTON: Not in the President's plan. There are some who have been talking about taxing some other things -- you know, taxing bullets, for example, because we know violence is a big cause of our health care problems. Those will be looked at by the Congress.

REGIS: Everybody in this country will be insured.

MRS. CLINTON: Everybody.

REGIS: Even illegal aliens?

MRS. CLINTON: No. No, it's going to be for American citizens and legal residents. We will continue to take care of illegal aliens the way we do now. They will show up at our emergency rooms. We will have to protect them and ourselves against public health epidemics, like tuberculosis.

But we don't think it's right to give to those who are here illegally benefits that we first should provide to American citizens. And that's what we're going to do.  
(Applause)

KATHY LEE: It sounds so wonderful, Mrs. Clinton. I think, regardless of anyone's political persuasion, if you talk to anybody they will say, "I am for health care for everybody." It seems like an inalienable right. And I think what Regis touched on is the biggest problem. It's not selling health care to the American public, but selling them confidence again in their government.

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MRS. CLINTON: You know, that is so right. And it's really kind of tragic, because, you know, I grew up in the 1950s and my parents came of age in the '30s, and they never doubted that if they worked hard and they did what they were supposed to do, they would be well off and their children would be even better off. I mean, that was the whole American dream.

And what we've seen is a loss of faith in all of our institutions, not just government, but everything across the board. People have kind of lost their way in our country. Our families aren't as strong and supportive as they need to be. Many people no longer look to the church. They don't look to the school to do the job that we took for granted.

We've got to rebuild faith in all of our institutions. And we have to make our system work better, especially for people who work hard, because if you're not rewarded for hard work, what's the point? And there are too many people in our country right now who turn away from hard work because they don't think it's going to pay off the way it paid off for you or me or our parents, you know?

REGIS: So what's the next step here? Does it go up to Congress?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes, it's in the Congress' hands. And they will begin to do what they do, which is to have hearings and solicit opinion. And I think it's very important -- the point you both make. We want to do this right. We want to build on what works. We have the finest medical care in the world for those of us who can take advantage of it.

But we want to fix what's broken. And so the President has said repeatedly, "If people have better ideas about how to make sure this works, let's thrash it out and have a good discussion." But at the end, the bill he wants to sign should make sure every American has health security. No more letting people fall between the cracks.

And that means we have comprehensive benefits, not a \$5000 deductible, or a policy with fine print that when you really need to be taken care of you find out it doesn't pay for what you thought you had bought. Let's eliminate all that stuff, and instead of spending our money on insurance

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fine print or the thousands of forms you have to fill out --

KATHY LEE: Yes, the bureaucracy is incredible.

MRS. CLINTON: Unbelievable.

REGIS: Yes, you'll save a lot of money there.

MRS. CLINTON: Let's spend it on our doctors and our nurses and our hospitals.

REGIS: You know, this all sounds very logical. But why does the medical profession seem to be opposed to it?

MRS. CLINTON: You know, they aren't. Really, the major groups of doctors that we have met with, they're like 80 percent, 90 percent in favor. But they have one particular thing that they might want changed. That's what this process is for. I respect that.

I met with the pediatricians last week. They are absolutely for it, but they would like to see in the benefits package more visits to the doctor for adolescents. Well, I agree with that. I'm just not sure we can afford to do everything we would like to do. But we're working with that.

REGIS: So there are limits here.

MRS. CLINTON: Absolutely, limits. There have to be limits.

REGIS: Absolutely. Otherwise they will just go sky high.

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. And individuals have to become more responsible.

KATHY LEE: For their own health.

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. For their own health.

REGIS: But the world is filled with hypochondriacs. They'll be running every day to a doctor.  
(Laughter)

MRS. CLINTON: Who are we talking about here?

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REGIS: No. But don't you know what I'm saying? People have a headache, well, right now they don't want to go because they don't want to pay.

MRS. CLINTON: But, see, part of it now is that people go -- they don't know who pays for their health care. They don't sit down and think about how much they contribute, both in premiums and what are called out-of-pocket payments, how much of their tax money.

You know, for the first time, the states in this country have spent more on health care than on higher education. Many cities like New York can't spend money on police officers because they're trying to fill the gaps because people don't bring their money with them when they come to get care.

REGIS: Oh, sure. Absolutely.

KATHY LEE: From what I gather from this plan, and when you look at it, it is so daunting. Now, you have had a year to really study this whole thing, and we've had, what, 22 minutes. But isn't the concept of having the family doctor come back into our lives at the basis of all of this?

MRS. CLINTON: Yes. And you know, Kathy Lee, that is so important. Because for many people, we need somebody to kind of help us navigate through the medical system. And we used to have family doctors. I mean, my mother can remember -- we had a pediatrician who made house calls all the way through the time I was in high school. We need more family physicians, more pediatricians, more primary care physicians, because they can help us organize our care.

You know, I was in the South Bronx, which is one of the poorest places in America. And I got a chance to sit and visit with some mothers who for the first time were in what's called managed care. What that meant was that they had their own doctor for the first time.

They had a nurse practitioner they could call up on the telephone. Because otherwise they were kind of wandering around in a system that didn't help guide them where they needed the services. So you know where they went? The emergency room -- the most expensive place to go to get health care.

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But now they had a little card which they took out. It had a telephone number on the back. They could call it up when their child was sick, and they could say, "What should I do?" That gave them so much peace of mind.

KATHY LEE: Yes. When you get the same person each time on the phone.

MRS. CLINTON: Yes.

KATHY LEE: I think that's a lot of people's biggest concern. Will I have my own doctor -- the one I choose?

MRS. CLINTON: And, you know, that's my biggest concern. And the way I feel about it is I want to have choice, and I intend to have it. And this plan will actually give me more choice than what is now available for many, many of us.

REGIS: Well, here it all is, right? In a condensed form.

MRS. CLINTON: Right.

KATHY LEE: Right.

REGIS: And here's the card that one day you may be carrying around with your name on it which will take care of your own health problems.

MRS. CLINTON: That's right.

REGIS: Now, listen. When you get through with all of this, when you make this happen, you must move on to the next project --

MRS. CLINTON: Children.

REGIS: -- and only you can solve this next one: crime in America.

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, Regis. I mean, I think all of us have to solve crime in America, every single one of us.

REGIS: Isn't it incredible what's going on? I mean --

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MRS. CLINTON: Well, the good news is that we are finally putting our foot down and saying, "Enough is enough." I mean, how many more front-page stories do we want to have to read of children being shot on their way to school --

REGIS: It's unbelievable.

MRS. CLINTON: -- of drive-by shootings. I was in a hospital in Kansas City, and I was going through the rehab, talking with the people who were there, and I came upon this very attractive young man, probably about 32 years old, very badly damaged knee.

He was in his house talking with his friends. A drive-by shooter -- the bullet goes in the house and hits him in the knee. He now can't work -- he worked the same job for 13 years.

And I sat there and I thought, "How absurd. This is something that could happen to any of us." But I think this is a problem that every one of us has to confront. As parents, we should take more time with our kids --

KATHY LEE: Why shouldn't we?

MRS. CLINTON: -- more attention, more discipline --

REGIS: Right.

MRS. CLINTON: -- as well as love. We should know where they are and who they're with.

REGIS: That's a big part of the problem right there.

KATHY LEE: Don't buy them another toy; sit there with them for an hour.

MRS. CLINTON: That's right. That's exactly right.  
(Applause)

REGIS: All right. Listen, we are very flattered that you came and visited with us.

KATHY LEE: We are thrilled to have you visit us again.

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REGIS: Absolutely. You're a delight.

MRS. CLINTON: I'm thrilled, too.

REGIS: You're everything they said you would be, and are.

MRS. CLINTON: Oh. I'm so glad to see you both. And I -- just one last story. When you named your child Cassidy -- that's what we were going to name our second child if we ever had one, because Cassidy is the President's mother's maiden name. And I was going to call either a boy or a girl Cassidy Howell, which is my mother's maiden name. So I thought, "We are connected; this is telepathic."  
(Laughter)

KATHY LEE: You're not going to believe that I almost picked Chelsea until you all were on the scene.

MRS. CLINTON: You're kidding.

KATHY LEE: Then I thought, they're going to think that I named it after their little girl. Huh? Huh?  
(Laughter) You know, let's have lunch. Let's get out of here. (Laughter)

REGIS: Thank you very much.

MRS. CLINTON: Oh, Regis, thank you so much.

KATHY LEE: Give my regards to the President, please.

REGIS: Yes, absolutely.

MRS. CLINTON: Well, we're going to have you come see us.

KATHY LEE: We would love it. Thank you very much.

REGIS: Hillary Rodham Clinton, everybody.  
(Applause) We'll be right back.

(End of appearance.)

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