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Dear Chuck:

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We want to thank you for your important contributions as Vice President, Public Policy at the United Jewish Communities, Inc. ("UJC").

During your tenure, you provided leadership in developing a set of focused public policy priorities that produced solid results for Federations and their agencies.

You conceived and established a new national homeland security program for high-risk nonprofits. You built a broad national nonprofit coalition and made it possible to achieve bipartisan support in the House and Senate, culminating in enactment of legislation, providing \$25 million in Federal homeland security funding for nonprofits at high-risk of international terrorist attack.

UJC recognizes the important role you played last year in securing support from key senators to strike \$11 billion in Medicaid cuts from the Senate's Budget Resolution. This is reflected in your July, 2004 interview with Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN), that appears in its entirety on the UJC website. The Medicaid cuts proposed last year could have resulted in cuts in government funding to Jewish communal agencies of more than \$100 million over five (5) years. Such cuts could have been devastating to our nursing homes, hospitals and social services agencies.

You recommended, and worked closely with, lay leaders, to establish a Public Policy & Advocacy Committee that is playing an active role in setting public policy priorities. You established a "501 (C) (3) subcommittee," which is involving some of our best and brightest lay leaders in analyzing the Senate Finance Committee's sweeping nonprofit reform proposals. You made Federation and Community Relations Council's ("CRC") invitations a high priority with your visits to numerous communities. You established effective working relationships with the Washington offices of the Jewish Council on Public Affairs, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, and the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies on policy issues of common interest. Thank you for your contributions to the Jewish Federation system. We wish you all the best and success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Howard M. Rieger
President and Chief Executive Officer