16 Commerce Street New York, New York 10014 July 6, 1972

Mr. Donald Rubin 307 East 79th Street New York, New York 10021

Dear Mr. Rubin:

Thank you for attending the meeting of the Community Medicine Steering Committee on June 13th. Your presentation of the proposed project to create a Consumer Commission on the accreditation of health services was very exciting to us as a group.

As you know, the Community Medicine Steering Committee, is composed of consumer representatives of the Ghetto Medicine Advisory Boards at 22 voluntary hospitals in New York City. These Advisory Boards have a wide mandate for discussion and suggestion-making in regard to the ambulatory services at the hospitals involved. Many of the advisory Boards have been handicapped by their lack of training, and their inability to get pertinent information from the hospitals. It is quite difficult to adequately represent and make judgments without the appropriate information.

The Community Medicine Steering Committee, therefore, heartily endorses your proposal. The Consumer Commission would be most helpful to us in our capacity as Advisory Board members. We do hope that you will find a funding source, and begin the project as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Co-Chairman

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