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President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Mr. President:

The economy seems to be the big news this week. It must be frustrating to be looking at a huge problem and not having a plan you are sure will work. It's rather like the problem Goldilocks had. One side says spend more; the other side says spend less. If only the baby bear were around to give you a choice of spending just right.

Sadly, things may be more like Odysseus sailing between Scylla and Charybdis.

And then there is health care. As part of your plans, I hope you will include help for our veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan – and veterans of earlier conflicts, too. I think that asking the country to read Eric Newhouse's book, *Faces of Combat, PTSD and TBI* will help people understand the health care needs of our military. I hope you agree.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Blaschko
President, Idyll Arbor

p.s. The race between you and Garry Trudeau to see who will be the first to hold up the book continues. Please pass this weekly book on to a veterans organization. Sometimes it helps to see the overall picture when you are looking for solutions.

Tom