



LTE Samples – Theme: National Health Care Bill

Calling on Congress to Do Its Job

Democracy is messy. Health care policy, like our health care system, is complicated. There are no easy solutions. It is easy to walk away. It is easy to say no.

When it comes to health reform, some members of Congress are taking the easy way out by complaining about what they don't like in the health care reform bill and saying: it's not my idea of perfect so I am voting no. This is not leadership. What is truly needed are leaders that do what leaders do: Study and put forward ideas of how to fix our broken health care system; talk with constituents; consult with colleagues; read the bill and considered its pros and cons; and, at the end of day, choose progress over the ideal of perfect. Choose to move our country forward.

Choose to improve a health care system that is not working for Tennesseans by voting for a health reform bill that takes the first steps—not the final step—toward improvement. Do your job.

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Rep. XXXX, Please Move Us Forward

Rep. XXXXX, a vote for the health care bill is a vote for America to move into the 21st century and create a health care system that strives to work for all of us. Your vote is an act for moving toward guaranteed coverage for Tennessee's one million uninsured, hundreds of thousands of under-insured, and small businesses. We need affordable coverage we can count on. We need leaders who are willing to make the tough choices to move us forward. Rep. XXX, are you such a leader?

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Calling on Rep. XXXXX to Support Health Care Bill

Critiquing those who risk failure is the easiest game in town. Acting for change is the hard thing. Good people have been trying to improve our health care system for decades. I'm hope Congressman XXXXX will move toward improving our broken health care system and moving away from the ease of inaction.

It is understandable that you aren't completely satisfied with the reform bill, but surely you realize that the current system is not working for your constituents or for this country. Surely you understand Einstein's take: insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. We must alter our broken health care system, and this will not happen with one bill, or in a month or a year. However, it will never happen if we do not make hard choices, which require not getting everything we want (at least not at first).

I ask you Rep. XXXX to do what is required of an elected representative: listen to the majority who have consistently called for Congress to act to improve our health care system, continue to share your ideas, and act to improve health care for your constituents. Votes yes for the health reform bill.

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Health Reform: Best Chance for Positive Change

Tennessee families need the security of guaranteed, affordable, quality health insurance now. Health care reform must happen now. The time for playing politics is over!

The reform bill is not perfect, but what bill is? Tennesseans and Americans are hurting. We need national reform now, yet I hear that some in Congress are stalling. We've had too many years of doing nothing. Doing nothing is an option we cannot afford!

One in three Tennesseans are uninsured for all or part of the year. Those with insurance are paying more and getting less, and could lose what they have at any time. Tennesseans are going into financial



hardship because of medical debt. And, small businesses are collapsing trying to do right by their workers and help with medical benefits.

We now have the best chance in a generation for our country to move in a positive direction toward fixing our ailing health care system. Let's not squander this chance! I urge other Tennesseans, who are fed up with paying more and getting less for their health insurance, or who cannot afford decent health care, or who have medical debt, to speak up. Join with me and call Congress to do what is right for Tennessee's working families and for Americans.

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American Health Care Reform: If Not Now, When?

How many more hard working Americans must go into medical debt before Congress finally gets the message? How many more times will the health insurance industry come between our doctors and us when it comes to deciding what treatment we should or should not get? How high does the number of uninsured have to go before we say enough?

Some in Congress are suggesting that we are moving too quickly, but I say it's been too long already, and we absolutely cannot wait for someday.

It is simply wrong that American families are going broke to pay for health care. The health care reform bill makes sure that no one is priced out of health insurance coverage and everyone is guaranteed good benefits that meet their needs. I like that there will be subsidies to help working parents afford to take their kids to the doctor & that there will be cap on out-of-pocket expenses.

American health care reform will finally give us the choices we deserve! If we like our current plan and doctors, nothing changes. But if our current plan isn't working for us, or we have no insurance, we get to shop from a marketplace of private and public insurance plans.

This is an amazing chance to move our country in the right direction! It is time to reform health care! It is time for Congress to show us that it can act in our best interest. Let's get this done now!

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This one requires your personal medical debt story:

Americans Need Health Care Security

Congress dropped the ball 16 years ago when it failed to enact health care reform. I am one of the millions of Americans who has struggled since to pay for rising premiums and co-pays. I am going broke trying to get good health care, and that's why I support the health care reform bill.

(Insert personal, financial, medical, insurance situation here, i.e. age, fixed income, chronic illness, unemployed, medical emergency, pre-existing condition, etc.)

The reform bill helps people pay for health insurance and caps out-of-pocket expenses. It lets everyone keep the coverage they have now if they like it or choose a new health insurance plan from a range of choices. We cannot wait any longer to fix health care, and Tennessee's members of Congress should vote for the health care bill immediately!

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