



July 26, 2009

Dear Arizona Representatives: *John McCain, Jon Kyl, Ann Kirkpatrick, Trent Franks, John Shadegg, Ed Pastor, Harry Mitchell, Jeff Flake, Gabrielle Giffords, and Raul Grijalva:*

Many of your constituents are concerned about the bills promoting government takeover of health care being hurried through in Washington D.C. We believe that health care reform is needed, but not run by bureaucrats in our government. We also believe that this is being rushed through because the more Americans learn about the plan, they are against it. **We are asking you to take your time to get it right.**

Since many of our questions in our phone calls, emails and letters have not been answered, **we are asking you to vote against any bill that will give the government increased control over health care and will lead to nationalized health care in the United States.** Many in our groups/organizations work during the week, so we felt that **Saturday, August 8th at 9:00 am** would be a great time to give you the opportunity to answer our below questions.

1. Will you sign a pledge that you will not vote on any nationalized health care bill until you have it in hand, including all amendments to review for at least 72 hours? - 48 hours? - 24 hours? - We feel that at the very least deserve that you make an informed decision.
2. Proponents of a government-run option claim that it will compete on a level playing field with private insurance providers. In that case, do you support that the government-run plan operate under a for-profit model and be forced to pay all applicable state, federal, and local taxes?
3. The current medical system forces doctors to practice "defensive medicine" for fear of medical malpractice lawsuits. This practice of unnecessary tests and procedures is a huge portion of the sky-rocketing of health care costs. Would you consider a form of tort reform, or even a "losers pay" system to help prevent frivolous lawsuits to bring down health care costs? If not, what is your solution?
4. We would not want to be forced to use doctors that are assigned to us by the government. Can you guarantee that you will not vote for anything that will infringe on our ability to choose our own doctors?
5. We would not want rationing of medical services, but as more and more people would have access to the government run health care, we fear that this could happen. Can you guarantee that you will not vote for anything that will result in rationing of medical services?
6. Will you support any health care reform bill that includes coverage for immigrants who are in this country illegally?
7. We fear that with this expansion in coverage, there will be a shortage of physicians and medical professionals that will cause waiting lists for standard procedures and/or diagnosis necessary to be treated. Can you guarantee that you will not vote for anything that will result in waiting lists for standard procedures and/or diagnosis?
8. If you do intend on voting for this socialized health care, will you immediately change your health insurance and your children's and/or grandchildren's health insurance to the government option? If you are a member of the House, do you plan on signing House Bill HR615 stating that if you vote in favor of the government run health insurance, that you will forgo your family's right to participate in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) and agree to enroll under that public option?
9. We are worried that final decisions will not rest between the doctor and the patient for treatment. Will you support that our medical decisions will not be made by government employed bureaucrats but by our own doctors?
10. Will you support the right for individuals to pay for treatment out of their own pocket or do you support the concept that they will be required to have insurance, even if they do not want it? If you think it should be required, do you support a fine for these people?
11. If the government does mandate that all Americans purchase health insurance, it must also define what qualifies as health insurance. If you support mandate, please provide us your definition and explain how this definition will not limit innovation and choice in health care?
12. Despite the President's assertions that health care reform will save money, the reality is that plans proposed by democrats would cost taxpayers between \$1 trillion and \$2 trillion. How does this save money and how will we pay for this?

**Thanking you in advance for your answers to our questions
and your respect of our concerns with your crucial vote that will affect us all,**
*Members and Friends of Tea Party Patriots, Smart Girl Politics, Americans for Prosperity,
9-12 Project-Arizona, & Arizona Tea Party*

****Note: This letter is being copied and sent to various Arizona Groups, News Organizations and Concerned Citizens statewide. Your answers to the above questions will also be distributed to the same.***