

Dear Senator Burr,

Democrats have continuously criticized opponents of their healthcare plan as not having a plan to fix healthcare. As you know, nothing could be farther from the truth. Opponents of HR3200, such as yourself, have suggested several plans designed to rectify many of the problems in our healthcare system. In fact Senate bill S1099 (Repub. Bill) was killed in committee 13-10 with a straight party line vote. What we oppose is the nationalization of our healthcare system, which provides the best medical care in the world. **Let us be very clear, we will accept no co-op, public option or any open crack in the system that allows a public option over time. There are no shades of gray here.**

Our plan does not turn the entire system upside down. We propose to fix perceived problems before doing anything else and that the fixes be given enough time to judge their effectiveness. With due diligence the following will correct these problems:

- Reduce fraud, waste, and inefficiencies in Medicare and Medicaid. This could save upwards of \$100 Billion annually.
- Tort reform is a must, despite the trial lawyer's contributions to the Democrat party. Save another \$30 Billion in additional costs to Doctors and Hospitals. It would also reduce the costs of defensive medicine practiced by many physicians.
- Change the tax code. Allow individual ownership of healthcare policies by giving individuals the same tax credits that companies now receive.
- Allow the purchase of healthcare policies across state lines.
- Expand medical savings accounts for individuals.
- Remove coverage for illegal aliens except for true emergency treatment.
- Support Retail health Clinics
- Provide vouchers for the Working poor and Chronically ill.
- Why can't Cobra be indefinite instead of the 18 month limit? The insured pays for it and there is no cost to government.

All of these measures and more can be done as improvements of the current system without turning everything over to the government. There is too much government in the system now and that is part of the current problem. So, adding more government will not be the solution. We cannot pay for a government run option! There is no more money!

Senator, what we would like to see is a cohesive message and plan from the Republicans. You need to get your message out with a largely unfriendly media. Since this is the way it is, the Republicans need to use organizations such as ours to spread the word. **You need to take your cohesive Republican plans straight to the people with a visible campaign with teeth.** Show charts, simply written, to show your plan as compared to the Democrats plans. Who would be covered and what would it cost? How does your plan compare on the essentials? Other than basic philosophy, we aren't sure. Let's get busy and let us help you. We have ideas! **We The People of this country are the only way you in the minority party can win this battle.**

Sincerely,

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300+ members strong and growing!

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