

product. Economic recovery and sustained growth depend on strong small businesses. Health reform could save small businesses up to \$855 billion, growing the economy and creating new jobs. Our small businesses are in critical condition. If we fail to treat this crisis, we put our Nation's economic well-being and recovery at risk.

HEALTH CARE REFORM LOOPHOLES ALLOW ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO GET BENEFITS

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. Speaker, when CBS News anchor Katie Couric asked President Obama if illegal immigrants could participate in his health care plan, his answer was "no." However, here are the facts which have not been reported by the media. There are gaping loopholes in the health care bill that allow illegal immigrants to receive taxpayer-funded benefits.

The bill contains no verification mechanism to ensure that illegal immigrants do not apply for benefits. In fact, Democrats rejected an amendment to close this loophole. And the bill leaves open the possibility that if one citizen family member is eligible for benefits, then the whole family, including illegal immigrant family members, is also eligible for the benefits. The proposed health care scheme could force the American people to pay for the health care of illegal immigrants. This is simply another reason to oppose it.

PHYSICIAN-OWNED AND SPECIALTY HOSPITALS WILL BE EMBRACED BY THE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. Speaker, I think the real truth is that Americans want real health care reform. They understand that families are paying \$1,800 a year for the uninsured, \$1,200 if you're a single individual, costs that will continue to grow without health care reform. Fourteen thousand Americans lose their health care every day. All of the issues that my friends on the other side talk about they know are workable issues.

The bottom line is access to health care. In Texas, our effort and intent is to embrace and work with physician-owned and specialty hospitals. We want to make sure that they are protected in this health care reform. Why? Because they provide services to Americans and Texans that others cannot provide. We want to ensure that there is access to health care all over, but we also don't want to have smoke and mirrors. My friends on the other side should get at the table of negotiation, make sure our specialty and physician-

owned hospitals are protected and allowed to grow if they are in the process of building, not use the arbitrary deadline; but, yes, we should face the question, save Americans \$1,800 a year, \$1,200 for an individual, stop the bleeding, stop the 14,000 that are losing their health care.

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA FE, TEXAS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON, Mr. Speaker, House Republicans and even some Democrats have been highlighting the problems with the proposed health care bill this Congress is considering. Santa Fe, Texas, in the district that I represent, has 10,500 hardworking folks with concerns about this massive intrusion of government-run health care. Just this week, the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution strongly opposing the proposals the majority has put forward.

I think the voice of small-town America can say it even better than I can. The highlights of the resolution include: "The Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce expresses its opposition to any legislation that develops national health care in the United States." This proposal will require huge tax increases in order to subsidize the planned program.

And one more passage: "The Federal Government should not be in the business of controlling and manipulating the health care system." The good people of Santa Fe, Texas, understand the problems with government-run health care. I wish my colleagues on the other side of the aisle did as well.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce express its opposition to any legislation that develops National Healthcare in the United States, and

Whereas, the health care plan as proposed creates huge inequities among all hard-working wage earners in America, and

Whereas, this proposal will require huge tax increases in order to subsidize the planned program, and

Whereas, the Federal Government should not be in the business of controlling and manipulating the health care system, and

Whereas, the enactment of a government-run, health care insurance program is not sustainable. No confidence exists in the Federal Government's ability to deliver the cost containment necessary to expand coverage of the uninsured, and

Whereas, the private health care insurance industry has the existing tools to contain costs and the incentives necessary to improve quality and affordability for their customers, and

Whereas, under the health care reform bill, access to health care will become unreasonable to the highest degree. The rationing of health care in countries with socialized medicine has led to patients dying because they were forced to wait too long to receive treatment, and

Whereas, the solution in health care reform lies in improving the quality and af-

fordability of health care through market-based changes, and

Whereas, the focus on health care reforms should be directed in finding ways to make private health care coverage more affordable and to provide fair and adequate reimbursements for care.

Therefore, be it resolved that: The Board of Directors of the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce representing 225 businesses in our community states through this resolution its strong opposition to the proposed changes in our country's health system through government interference and control, and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded immediately to our elected representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate.

Passed this day of July 21, 2009

Signed by: Andrea Brinegar 2009 Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce, Inc., Chairman of the Board.

STOP CENSORING THE HEALTH CARE CHART

(Mr. BRADY of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. Speaker, what is the Speaker trying to hide? Last week, America got the first peek at what the Democratic government-run health care plan would look like; and what people saw, based upon the economists on the minority staff of the Joint Economic Committee, was 31 new Federal programs, agencies, commissions and mandates in between them and their doctors ensuring that unelected bureaucrats would choose what doctors they can see, what treatments they deserve and what medicines they can receive. This is not the type of health care system Americans want.

But today, the Democrat House is blocking Republicans from sharing this important flow chart with their constituents. Why are we censoring the American Congress? Why are we preventing the public from seeing what the Democrat health care plan will do? We deserve, our public deserves the right to know what this health care will do to their lives and their family's lives.

It is time to let America know. Stop the censoring. Let us share the health care chart with our constituents.

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IT'S TIME THE AMERICAN PEOPLE GET TO SEE THE TRUTH

(Mrs. BACHMANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. Speaker, I think it's so important for the American people to understand that right now in Congress this is considered contraband. This is very controversial. Even though this represents the Democrats' health care plan, we are not, as Members of Congress, allowed to put this chart up on our Web sites. We're not allowed to send this chart out to our constituents across America.