

Letter on Health Care Reform

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There is fixin' to be a big brouhaha in Congress about Health Care reform.

Below is a letter (email actually) that I have sent to both my Senators and my representative. You may not agree with some or all of my comments, but you need to make your voice heard on this. We do not need to let the profit driven corporations dictate our level of health care or even if we have health care any longer.

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Dear Senator/Representative:

There is going to a concerted effort by the Obama administration to reform health care. There are millions of Americans without health care. To many others health care costs are an enormous drain on their family budget. Excessive health care costs are causing this country and our businesses to be less competitive in the global market place. This effort is long overdue.

My personal preference would be for universal health care similar to plans in the rest of the industrialized world. Not all things need to be about making a profit for corporations.

Whatever plan is finally manufactured from the sausage grinder that is Congress I am hoping for several key points:

1. My health care should not be tied to whether I am employed, or have an employer willing and able to provide health insurance.
2. The reality is that health care must be triaged. This triage should not be based on my income or lack of resources. The gatekeeper to my health care should not be a company more concerned about dividends than an individual's health.
3. The system should emphasize preventative health care
4. But protect an individual from health disasters. There is something so wrong about working and saving for retirement only to have your resources go to doctors and hospitals. A person should not have to be destitute before government assistance kicks in.
5. Another reality is that people are driven by money. We need to make sure that health care providers are adequately compensated. We need to continue to attract the best in the various health fields. We just do not need those who mainly driven by excessive incomes.

This is undoubtedly an extremely hard task. There are competing voices on all sides screaming their positions. As a representative of the people the needs you should be considering are those of your

constituents.

Take a bold step, let us fix this problem. Let us be more concerned about the good of the many, rather than the profit of a few.

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