

Jake Towne – Health Care Solutions

Last year both the House and Senate passed two very dissimilar bills with the same purpose - to tax the American people around \$900 billion more, and intervene government bureaucrats into the private lives of each man, woman, and child. Congress is currently reconciling the differences, and my prediction is that the bill will resemble the Frankenstein bailout bill after all the pork is added.

This bill's unintended consequences will worsen the quality of care and make health care less affordable. I believe the **TRUE** issue at stake is **COST** - if an MRI cost \$200 instead of \$3,000, it would be a lot less imperative to suggest drastic changes like socialized medicine. The **TRUE** root cause is the government-sponsored insurance cartels and quality-depleting, cost-increasing legislation such as the HMO Act of 1973. After all, President Nixon was told "all the incentives [of HMOs] are toward less medical care, because the less care they give them, the more money they make and all the incentives run the right way." We should not be surprised that the HMO structure did exactly this.

I have the practical solutions for lower costs, higher quality, and more features that will **WORK**:

1. I would **introduce tax relief legislation** to allow individuals and families to reduce their federal income tax nearly dollar-for-dollar by the amounts they spend out-of-pocket on private health care premiums.
2. I would seek to **remove the insurance state portability barriers** that Congress has erected to protect the insurance cartels and raise costs.
3. I would seek to **provide a sound currency** to halt rampant price inflation, so health care costs take up a smaller percentage of household income.
4. I call for the state legislatures to **remove state mandates** that add 15-40% to Pennsylvania's health care premiums, and to pursue tort reform to reduce the costs of defensive medicine.
5. I would introduce a bill to **suspend the obligation of individuals suffering from terminal illness or cancer to continue paying the Social Security tax** on their income.
6. I would introduce a bill to reduce federal income taxes dollar-for-dollar by amounts spent out-of-pocket by parents for their children with terminal illnesses, major disabilities or cancer.
7. I have pointed out the dangers of state restrictions - via licensing and restricted seats in the medical school system - artificially restricting the supply of doctors just when the baby boomer explosion will need them the most.
8. Supporters have sent in ideas like Health Care Sharing Ministries that voluntarily pool risk.

I have laid out the moral and constitutional that health care is not a legal right. I have pointed out that the health care bill's proposed changes in labor laws will devastate the poor, the very people the bill is supposed to assist.

I have promised to only accept the median household income for my salary, and will donate the remainder to local non-profit hospitals. I have pledged **I will not enroll in the elite congressional health care plan**, as who can trust someone who legislates on health care but not be subject to the same legislation themselves?

I have presented the American people with the choices they **SHOULD** have – guns or health care? - as most people do not understand the insane cost of a military that costs more than the rest of the planet **COMBINED**. (See <http://towneforcongress.com/economy/guns-or-health-care-1>)

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