

# Fight for real health care reform

**Voters are counting on you to fix these major problems in the final health care bill:**

- 1. The Senate bill denies Americans the choice of a public option.** In contrast, the House bill contains a national public option, the key to real competition, greater choice, and lower costs.
- 2. Insurance could remain unaffordable for some lower income and working people.** Both bills require virtually all Americans to buy insurance. But even with the subsidies provided, some families could have to pay up to 20% of their income on health care expenses.
- 3. Both bills impose dangerous restrictions on women's reproductive health care.** Unfortunately, both bills do this and the House provision is worse. Both versions would be a dangerous step and neither should be in the final bill.
- 4. The Senate bill taxes American workers' health coverage to pay for reform.** The Senate would pay for part of reform by taxing the hard-won benefits packages of some working Americans. The House, on the other hand, pays for reform with a small surcharge on only the wealthiest Americans—a far better approach.
- 5. The Senate bill allows insurance companies to remain exempt from anti-trust laws.** Under current law, insurance companies are actually exempt from laws designed to prevent monopolies and price-gouging. The House bill would fix this, but the Senate bill leaves it in place.

**The House bill is far stronger than the Senate bill in most ways. I urge you to stand up and fight for the strongest final bill possible, one that fixes the issues above.**

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