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Dear friends,

At every one of my town hall meetings and listening sessions, I hear about the serious problem of out-of-control health care costs. Skyrocketing costs have forced families to decide between paying their medical bills, covering other life necessities, or falling into debt. Affordable health care coverage is becoming out of reach for millions of Americans and this is unacceptable.



Members of Congress, both Republicans and Democrats, must come together to find meaningful solutions to these serious problems. To that end, I have recently put forward a plan titled "*A Roadmap for America's Future*" (www.house.gov/ryan) that provides solutions to our health care problems. Under my plan, all Americans would have access to health insurance and would not fear bankruptcy because of a major illness. I look forward to working with my colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, to take action and bring real relief to hard working families.

Sincerely,

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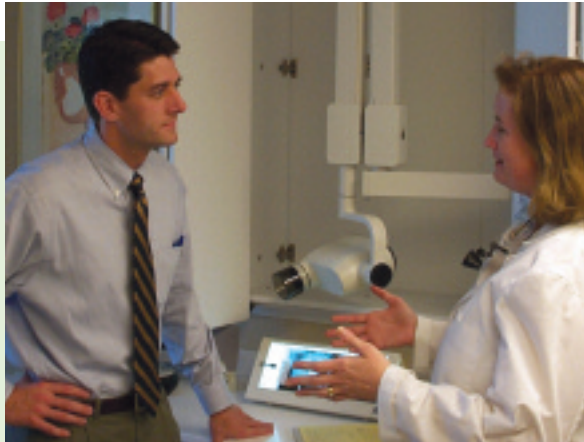
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Quality, Affordable Health Care for All Wisconsin Families

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CONGRESSMAN PAUL RYAN

Ensuring Access to Quality, Affordable Health Care



Congressman Ryan listens to the input of doctors and patients to help him reform our health care system.



PAUL RYAN'S HEALTH CARE PRINCIPLES

I believe that all Americans should have health care coverage—regardless of employment, health status, or income level. No one should face bankruptcy because of a catastrophic illness; no one should be denied health coverage because they are considered “uninsurable.” Employees should be able to take their health care coverage with them from job to job.

I believe that patients and their doctors—not insurance companies or government bureaucrats—should be at the center of health care decisions.

I believe that our health care system should be transparent. Health care should work like other sectors of the economy where people can shop based on best price and quality. If patients know up front what services cost and who provides the best service, health care providers will be forced to lower prices and provide better service to attract patients.



H.R. 6110 – Roadmap for America's Future Act

- Provides universal access to health insurance with refundable tax credits for everyone
- Creates a mechanism to require providers to disclose prices and quality standards
- Reforms Medicare and Medicaid to ensure these programs fulfill their mission to provide health security
- Puts health care decisions back in the hands of patients and families

H.R. 214 – Small Business Health Fairness Act

- Establishes Association Health Plans allowing small businesses, farmers and the self-employed to join groups to use their collective buying power to negotiate lower prices for health care

H.R. 2991 – Independent Health Record Trust Act

- Creates a system for patient-owned electronic medical records to protect the security and privacy of this sensitive medical information
- Electronic records will prevent errors, speed the delivery of care and save administrative costs

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