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Affordable Health Care For America

Dear Friend:

Reforming our health care system is not only the right thing to do, it also makes economic sense. Unsustainable health care costs represent the single largest threat to American prosperity, draining our federal budget and jeopardizing the financial security of families across the country.

Few challenges we face are as complex and consequential as fixing our health care system. Right here in my Congressional District, there are 135,000 uninsured people out of 600,000. This isn't some remote problem, that figure is taken straight from our neighborhoods.

That means that more than 1 of every 6 people you see doesn't have health insurance.

We need a uniquely American solution that will:

- Provide security and stability to those who have health insurance,
- Provide affordable insurance to those who don't, and
- Lower health care costs for our families, our businesses and our government!

My colleagues and I are committed to passing meaningful reform to fully address the health care crisis facing our nation. To that end, we introduced the Affordable Health Care for America Act (H.R. 3962) on October 29, 2009.

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You are invited to attend Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz's

Health Care Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2009, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Southwest Focal Point Senior Center
 301 NW 103rd Avenue
 Pembroke Pines, FL 33026

The Affordable Health Care For America Act

On October 29, the House of Representatives introduced H.R. 3962, the Affordable Health Care for America Act. You can read the text of the legislation here: http://docs.house.gov/rules/health/111_ahcaa.pdf



Key components of the Affordable Health Care for America Act:

- **Cuts the Deficit** by about \$30 billion in the first ten-years (2010 –2019). CBO has indicated that between 2016–2019 savings and revenues will grow significantly faster than coverage costs.
- **Reins in Wasteful Medicare Costs while Improving Benefits for Seniors.** The legislation reduces annual growth in Medicare expenditures by 1.3 percentage points per year.

The Affordable Health Care for America Act achieves these key goals:

- It provides more security and stability to those who have health insurance;
- It provides affordable insurance to those who don't;
- And it lowers the cost of health care for our families, our businesses, and our government.



The Affordable Health Care for America Act preserves the values Americans cherish:

- Choice—of doctors, providers and plans;
- Strong doctor-patient relationships—free from government interference, and;
- Accountability—to avoid profiteering and discrimination based on pre-existing conditions.

Additionally, the Affordable Health Care for America Act will reverse years of unfair insurance company practices:

1. no discrimination for pre-existing conditions,
2. no exorbitant out-of-pocket expenses, deductibles, or co-pays,
3. no cost-sharing for preventative care; and no dropping of coverage for the seriously ill,
4. no gender discrimination; and extended coverage for young adults,
5. no annual or lifetime caps on coverage, and
6. guaranteed insurance renewal.



A Message To Seniors



Too many of Florida's seniors still have problems affording their medication, and too many low-income seniors worry about how they can afford co-payments associated with Medicare and, as a result, skip preventative care checkups.

The Affordable Health Care For America Act will improve Medicare coverage for seniors:

- It immediately lifts 1 million seniors from the Medicare prescription drug donut hole on January 1, 2010;
- Eliminates Medicare co-payments for preventative care, and increases subsidy programs for low-income seniors.

Few people talk about the fact that older Americans ages 50-64 are the fastest growing group of uninsured. Or that these Americans are more often denied coverage due to a pre-existing condition because they are more likely to suffer from chronic conditions. **There are more than 7 million older Americans ages 50-64 without health insurance today.** This is unacceptable and would be fixed when we pass the Affordable Health Care For Americans Act.