

# Sample Letters to the Editor

## **SAMPLE 1 – Republicans Are For Health Care:**

Democrats in Arkansas and Washington, DC would like everyone to think Republicans don't want healthcare reform. The truth is there are many good Republican plans out there that add to the healthcare debate – they just haven't been given the time of day in Washington. Yes, the party of change is up to the same old political tricks. While the Democrats want to spend trillions of our tax dollars to have government-run healthcare that will run the same way as your local DMV, Republican alternatives focus on reforming healthcare responsibly. That means controlling soaring insurance costs, making sure we get to see our doctors and have the quality of care we now expect – without handing our healthcare decisions over to the government and without breaking the bank.

## **SAMPLE 2 – Government Run Health Care Will Put America Farther Into Debt:**

While reforming our healthcare system is necessary, putting our country further into debt to do it isn't. Democrats in Washington have already spent trillions of taxpayer dollars this year and their healthcare plan is on track to spend trillions of dollars more – all money we don't have and definitely can't afford. The president said he wouldn't raise taxes on us in the middle class, but with the debt already climbing, it's hard to see how he can keep his promises. Healthcare reform is an important undertaking, but there are still many questions the president needs to answer.

## **SAMPLE 3– Government Run Healthcare Will Take Away American's Choice:**

The Democrats argue their government-run plan will somehow bring competition to our healthcare system. Reality is that when the government competes, government wins. A government plan would undercut private insurers, forcing them out of business and making for a takeover on healthcare. Do you really want the government deciding how much it will cost to have your child's appendix out or whether or not it will be covered by insurance? Everyone agrees we need to reform our healthcare system, but there are better options that will keep us in charge of our own healthcare.

## **SAMPLE 4– Government Run Healthcare Will Drive Up Costs:**

President Obama and the Democrats say their government-run healthcare plan will lower costs, but with a \$1-2 trillion price tag, it's hard to believe how anything becomes cheaper by being more expensive. Like we have seen with so many out-of-control government programs, everything the government touches gets more expensive. With a ballooning national debt, the Democrats are looking to pay for their government-run plan with tax increases on everything from healthcare benefits to a national sales tax. This means everyone will pay in the end. Healthcare reform is an important undertaking and the Democrats need to slow down and make sure everyone has the facts.

## **SAMPLE 5– Government Run Healthcare Will Force Americans to Join Government Plan:**

With President Obama and Democrats trying to gain support for their government-run healthcare plan, they are saying Americans will be able to keep their current plan. The problem is estimates show million of Americans will be forced to leave their current plan

for the government one. Not to mention all the businesses that would simply stop offering insurance because the government does. Why would you pay for coverage if someone else will? I, like many other Americans, am happy with my doctor and want to keep my current plan. Slow down, listen to the people and get this healthcare reform right.