



Call Congress: Don't tax middle class health benefits!

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We all want health care reform – but we need to make sure it's paid for the right way. The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill that pays for reform with a surtax on individuals making more than \$500,000 a year. That's the right way to pay for reform.

But the bill passed by the U.S. Senate pays for reform the wrong way by slapping a 40% tax on our health care plans – the kind of plans that we have negotiated through our union, often at the expense of pay raises.

Your member of Congress and Speaker Nancy Pelosi are negotiating a final bill – and they need to hear from you.

Call your member of Congress now at 888-460-0813. Use the script below to tell your representative to stand strong against a tax on middle class health benefits.

Here is a sample phone script:

Hello, my name is _____ and I live at _____. I'm calling to tell Representative _____ to stand strong against a tax on middle class health benefits. I supported Democrats in 2008 because I was promised that I could keep my coverage and it wouldn't be taxed. That promise must be kept by fixing the health benefits tax in the Senate bill.

The health care reform bill passed by the House of Representatives pays for reform the right way – with a tax on individuals who make over \$500,000 a year. So as the House and Senate negotiate a final bill, I hope that Representative _____ will let Nancy Pelosi and other leaders know that I called to say that we can't afford a tax on our health benefits.

Can I count on Representative _____ to stand strong against the middle class health benefits tax and take my concerns to Speaker Pelosi?

Thank you!



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