

Dear Mr. President:

My name is XXXXX, and I write from XXXXX to express my OPPOSITION to your efforts to jam through a government takeover of healthcare.

I recognize that many Americans face challenges in obtaining affordable healthcare, but a government takeover of the healthcare system will only enlarge the massive debt we are incurring already. Please know that I will do everything in my power to oppose this effort. The following points are worthy of your consideration:

- By 52 percent to 40 percent, voters are opposed to the healthcare bill introduced this month in the House of Representatives.
- Independent voters now oppose your healthcare plan by a ratio of almost 2:1.
- The World Health Organization ranked the United States No. 1 out of 191 countries for being responsive to patients' needs, including providing timely treatments and a choice of doctors. Among the insured, 84% are satisfied with their healthcare.
- The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) says that the bill proposed by House Democrats would increase the federal deficit by \$239 billion.
- You have indicated that you want a public plan comparable to the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Plan Congress enjoys. This notion is a farce. Congress has a high-choice cafeteria plan that is indeed paid for by the public, but is not run by the government.
- Congress enjoys very special perks the rest of us can only dream about. There is an attending physician on call exclusively for members of Congress, and Congress enjoys VIP access and admission to Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Medical Center. Certainly Congress is not intending to provide us average Americans with VIP treatment!
- Your plan would create an oppressive health care bureaucracy with eye-popping complexity that would make the U.S. Tax Code appear the very model of simplicity in comparison.

Please abandon these efforts to take over my healthcare – let's improve what works rather than break it. I'm opposed to your forcing a substitution of American healthcare with the European healthcare model's rationing and long wait lists.

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME HERE