

provide assistance to 95 percent of Nevadans in the form of tax cuts.

Over the past few months, the Making Work Pay tax credit has put extra money in the pocket of workers. Nevada has already received more than \$75 million to extend unemployment benefits for those struggling to find work. Seniors and veterans have received a \$250 recovery payment, and schools in Nevada got \$340 million to keep teachers from being laid off and to develop programs. Funding through the recovery package has also helped Nevada's efforts to create a clean energy economy. Just yesterday, \$13.8 million was announced from the Department of Energy to help fund energy initiatives that will lead us to the next steps to creating clean energy jobs. Clearly the Recovery Act has helped the people in Nevada.

#### WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

(Mr. LEE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LEE of New York. For months now my constituents in western New York have been asking, where are the jobs? Well, take a look around. Are they in the recently passed national energy tax that devoted more than 50 of its 1,300 pages to lightbulb regulation and just two paragraphs on carbon-free nuclear energy? Or are they in the thousand-page, government-sponsored health care proposal without so much as a mention for malpractice liability reform to dramatically reduce premiums on struggling Americans? Or maybe they're in the recently passed \$700 million welfare program for wild horses.

The majority has shown it doesn't know how to create new jobs, outside of those for new Federal bureaucrats, but it certainly knows how to create new burdens for our children and grandchildren. This week alone, our Treasury is set to sell off a record \$205 billion in debt. Let's start working together to implement responsible solutions to the serious challenges facing our Nation.

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#### WHO DO YOU TRUST MORE, POLITICIANS OR DOCTORS?

(Mr. JORDAN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, last week at the President's press conference, the American people got a firsthand glimpse of the attitude they can expect if, in fact, there is a Federal takeover of health care.

When the President made this incredible statement, when he said in that press conference that some doctors will take out a child's tonsils not because it's in the best interest of that patient but because they make more money, it makes you think about this:

If you go out and talk to any 100 people across this country and ask them the question, "Who do you trust more, politicians or your doctors?" my guess is 100 percent of them would say their doctors. Yet the President made that statement.

What we need in this health care debate and what we need in health care reform is a model that says that you and your family and your doctor will make your health care decisions, not some Federal board in Washington that thinks they're all-knowing.

#### WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

(Mr. GOODLATTE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs?

They're certainly not in the so-called "stimulus package" that passed this Congress and that hasn't created any jobs. In fact, we've lost millions of jobs since that package passed. They are certainly not in the cap-and-tax legislation that passed this Congress 6 weeks ago. That legislation will cost millions of American jobs. Mr. Speaker, they most certainly are not in this so-called "health care bill" that the Democrats are offering today, which will cost an estimated 4.7 million jobs as employers find they can't pay the taxes being imposed upon them and as we see those jobs going overseas to countries where they can afford to do business.

This is not the right way to preserve the choice for the American people in their health care. This is not the right way to make sure that our health care in this country is available to the many, many hundreds of millions of people who receive it today. We need to reform our health care system with legislation that deals with medical malpractice reform, with association health plans, with things that cut down on the cost before we address this massive tax increase.

#### ASSUMING NO RESPONSIBILITY

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, in the debate that we've had over health care, we Republicans have attempted to try and communicate our concerns to the American people. We have developed a simple chart that explains the bureaucratic morass that will exist between you, the individual—the patient—and your doctor, but we've been told we can't send this out because the majority party objects to it.

First of all, they said they didn't know whether it was true. Secondly, they said we didn't somehow substantiate everything. Thirdly, they don't like "House Democrats' health plan"

here. So they suggested that maybe we should put on some sort of disclaimer, so I've come up with a disclaimer. We've tried to figure out what will work:

"The Democratic Party assumes no responsibility for providing this information to the American people." Maybe they don't like that. "The majority party assumes no responsibility for providing this information to the American people." "The House Democrats assume no responsibility." Finally, maybe this is what we ought to put up here, Mr. Speaker: "The President and the House Democrats assume no responsibility for providing this information to the American people because they know, if the American people knew this is what would happen to them and that this is what would be put between them and their doctors, they wouldn't support it."

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. SCHAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SCHAUER. Mr. Speaker, while we can argue over the details of health care reform legislation, we know one thing for sure: Costs are guaranteed to increase if we do nothing. The status quo is unsustainable and unacceptable. Unfair trade deals and skyrocketing health care costs have devastated manufacturing in my State of Michigan over the past decade.

Last month, in my district, I heard from a small manufacturer at a health care forum in Tecumseh, Michigan. Karalyn Roesch told me that her manufacturing firm employs seven people in Lenawee County and that it covers 100 percent of her employees' health care insurance costs.

She said, "We are trying to do the right thing for our employees. Yet we have to compete with those who provide little or no health care."

She said that a quality, affordable health care system that covered every American would not only provide needed care for the uninsured but that it would also help level the playing field for small business owners like her.

It's time to put partisan politics aside on this issue and put companies like Roesch Manufacturing first. We need a uniquely American health care system that costs less and that covers more to help small businesses compete in our global economy.

#### A GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER IS NOT THE SOLUTION

(Mr. WALDEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I was a small business owner for 21 years. There is no question that it's time to reform the health care system, but a government takeover is not the solution. Putting a government bureaucrat

between your family and your doctor is not the solution, and losing the health plan you have today is not a solution. Yet the Democrats' bill would do just that. It puts a bureaucrat between you and your doctor. It doesn't have real reform. According to independent analysis, two out of three Americans won't be able to keep their plans, and it does nothing to bring down the costs. In fact, it drives up the deficit by over \$239 billion.

Meanwhile, if you're out in places like Oregon, rural Oregon, the CEO of Asante Health System, Roy Vinyard, in southern Oregon, said the government option under the Democrats' plan would be the death knell for hospitals since it pays Medicare rates. Currently, Medicare only pays 76 percent of their hospital's costs, and yet 52 percent of their patients are on Medicare. If the percentage of Medicare-like payments increases to 75 percent of their patients, the hospital will have to close its doors.

So that plan does nothing to rein in costs. It does nothing to keep the doors open. We need to reform health care, but let's do it in a way that puts patients first and that doesn't destroy small business.

#### SHOW US THE BILL

(Mr. BROUN of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, when it comes to passing a health care bill, leadership insists "this will happen." Speaker PELOSI claims to have the votes to get it passed on this floor.

If that's true, Madam Speaker, then show us the bill. If the rhetoric coming from the Democrats is true and if they're planning to steamroll a \$1 trillion health care experiment through this body before August, let's see it. Let's debate it. Let's let the Americans see it.

The American people deserve to see a bill with plenty of time for an open and honest debate about exactly what is in store for them if this partisan experiment is passed. The American people have seen enough smoke and mirrors about the Washington bureaucrat who will be inserted directly between patients and physicians. They've seen enough smoke and mirrors about how many people will be forced off of their current health care plans. They've seen enough smoke and mirrors about the real cost of this plan. If you have the votes, then clear out the smoke. Show us the bill, and finally give hard-working Americans answers to their questions.

Show us the bill, Madam Speaker.

#### THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

(Mrs. HALVORSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HALVORSON. Mr. Speaker, this Congress is responsible for putting in place one of the largest tax cuts in American history as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

We can see this benefit of the plan throughout all communities in our country. Because of this legislation, 95 percent of working Americans are receiving tax cuts through the Making Work Pay tax credit, which is a refundable tax credit of up to \$400 per worker and up to \$800 for couples filing jointly. This is an immediate tax relief for over 110 million working families at exactly the time they need it. Because of this legislation, families can also find tax relief through an expansion of the child care tax credit and through a new \$2,500 tax credit for families to help send more of our children to college.

In addition to this tax relief, the recovery plan has provided tens of millions of dollars of investment for improvement projects, like the improvements that have been made to infrastructure and to roads throughout our country.

#### WHO IS GOING TO PROVIDE THE HEALTH CARE?

(Mr. AKIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, the Democrats are proposing that they're going to take over 20 percent of our economy. They're proposing they're going to spend at least \$1 trillion, probably \$2 trillion, in doing that, and they're going to put bureaucrats in charge of health care decisions. Now, this is not really a new idea. This has been tried a lot by other countries. It's called socialized medicine. So the question before us is very straightforward. It is this:

If you get sick, where do you want to be treated? Do you want to travel to Europe? Do you want to travel to Canada or do you want to stay in the good, old USA?

I had that experience 9 years ago here. I had newly been elected as a Congressman. I got the first physical I'd had in 10 years because I'd had lousy health care. They told me, Yeah, you're doing great, Congressman AKIN, except for one thing: You have cancer.

When you hear the word "cancer," it causes you to stop and think. Because of the American health care system, I'm standing here today, but I'll tell you the statistics of what would happen if you were in the United Kingdom. There is a 50 percent chance you'd be dead with the type of cancer I had. That's the question: Who is going to provide the health care?

#### LET'S GET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WORKING AGAIN

(Mr. GUTHRIE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to talk about what I mentioned this last week.

Back in the 1982 recession, in my State of Kentucky, we had unemployment rates at the level of over 11 percent. My father lost his job. He was one of those who'd worked for Ford Motor Company, and they closed the plant. Because of what happened in this House back in 1982, that being cutting taxes, cutting spending and putting faith in the American people, my father went from one who had lost his job to one who was starting a business and was becoming a job creator.

What has this House done, this Democratic majority, in the last 6 months? They've made it easier to sue businesses; they've raised energy rates on businesses if it has passed the Senate; also, they've put mandates on businesses for health care coverage; and they've instituted an 8 percent payroll tax.

I believe we need to cut taxes, cut spending, put faith in the American people, create jobs, and get people working again.

#### THE SYSTEM IS WORKING

(Mr. BARTON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I have news for the American public. The system is working. The Congress is working. The Energy and Commerce Committee is working. The reason that the Speaker and the President can't get their health care bill through is that there is not consensus on it.

I want to congratulate the other 22 Republicans on the Energy and Commerce Committee who are united against this bad piece of legislation. I want to also congratulate the 7 to 10 Blue Dog Democrats and conservative Democrats on the same committee.

The reason we're not supportive of the President and the Speaker's plan is that it's bad for America. It doesn't solve the problem. It costs too much. It has got too much bureaucracy. The word "shall" is mentioned almost 2,000 times. It's a \$1 trillion hit on the economy, and it doesn't solve the problem.

We, the Republicans on the committee, have over 80 amendments that we wish to offer. Our Blue Dog friends have over 20. I asked the Speaker and Chairman WAXMAN to bring the bill up for markup. Let it be an open and transparent markup. If it takes us until September or October to get it done right, it's better to get it done right than to do it badly. The system is working.

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. LOEBSACK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be part of an effort to improve