



Sample Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I've been closely following the debate on health care because my family and so many others need reform. What I don't understand is why there is even a debate at all. Members of Congress shouldn't be confused about which way they're going to vote on this issue. To me and other constituents, it's clear cut: Will you stand with big insurance companies or will you stand with us?

Working families need health care reform that will control costs, guarantee coverage and finally hold insurance companies accountable. The public insurance plan option is the best way to do that.

After years of raising premiums, denying claims and rejecting people who need care due to pre-existing conditions, insurance companies now are playing the victim. Their thirst for profits at any expense is busting the budgets of our families, businesses and state and local governments. No one begrudges insurance companies or any other business for making a profit, but they shouldn't be allowed to do so at the expense of families and the good of our country.

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Why is it that working families keep getting asked to bear the burden of our health care system? We should be asking everyone to come to the table, including employers and insurance companies, and to pay their fair share. Instead, there's debate in Congress about taxing the benefits some of us have through our employers. Real health care reform should focus on cutting costs for families, not making it more expensive to have health care.

Families also deserve the choice of a public insurance plan option so no one has to worry about coverage even if they are unemployed or between jobs. And insurance companies need to be held accountable for their harmful practices, like denying claims and withholding benefits. Members of Congress need to hear from constituents so they know that it's either big insurance or working families. Whose side are they on?

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