

## Historic Healthcare Reform - America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009

Congress is working to take an historic step to provide affordable healthcare for all Americans. Reaching this goal will require us to pull together and find solutions that address the needs of all our citizens. Healthcare affects every one of us regardless of income, geography, ethnicity, sex or age.

We know that the rapidly rising costs of healthcare have created untenable situations for families, individuals, and businesses across the country, and we cannot sustain the costs to our national economy. The time has come to address this issue by making sure every American has health coverage and choice, improve the quality of care, and drive down the costs. Insurers will no longer be able to discriminate against patients with preexisting conditions or drop them when they become ill. The legislation emphasizes preventive care which will help save billions of dollars and produce healthier outcomes.

The healthcare reform bill that I've been working on and which I support, H.R. 3200, the America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009, will guarantee health insurance coverage for 97% of all Americans. It will provide insurance assistance for up to 15,000 small businesses in our Congressional District. I had a significant hand in drafting many portions of the bill and I have read the legislation in its entirety.

The bill will ensure that Americans receive efficient and effective healthcare. In fact, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) states that the bill will create a \$6 billion dollar surplus over the next ten-year budget window. CBO also estimates that the legislation will create a \$550 billion savings in Medicare and Medicaid costs alone.

The legislation is and will continue to undergo rigorous debate before it becomes law, and it will be one of the most important votes I will ever cast in Congress. I promise to continue working with my colleagues to craft the best bill for my constituents and our country. I encourage you to continue to send your thoughts and questions about the bill to me.

To learn more about the America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009 click on the links below.

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