

We're still fighting.
Join us to win an Improved, Expanded

Medicare for All!



United for Single Payer

www.unitedforsinglepayer.org

Next meeting—Wed. 10 Feb.

7 pm – Swedish Cherry Hill, James Tower
500 - 17th Avenue, Seattle

Physicians for a National Health Plan—Western Washington

www.pnhpwesternwashington.org

Monthly meeting—Wed. 20 Jan.

7 pm – Swedish Cherry Hill Auditorium
500 - 17th Avenue, Seattle

Annual meeting—Sat. 27 Feb.

**Guest: Donna Smith, California Nurses Association,
Featured in Michael Moore's "Sicko"**

7 pm – Kane Hall
Univ. of Washington

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What's in this Health Care Bill?

- **A mandate** that forces you to pay up to 8% of your income to private insurance corporations—whether you want to or not.
- **A fine** of up to 2% of your annual income to the IRS if you refuse to buy the insurance.
- **Big deductibles and high premiums:** after being forced to pay thousands in premiums for junk insurance, you can still be on the hook for up to \$11,900 a year in out-of-pocket medical expenses.
- **A Massive restriction** on a woman's right to choose, designed to trigger a challenge to *Roe v Wade* in the Supreme Court.
- **An exemption:** insurance companies remain exempt from anti-trust laws.

But this bill does NOT contain:

- Universal Care
- Choice of Your doctor
- Cost Controls
- Importation of Pharmaceuticals
- Expansion of Medicare eligibility
- Public Option

**Is this even an improvement?
Or should we start over?**

A 2009 poll by Gove Insight found that 2/3 of all Americans wanted a Medicare for All health plan paid for by taxes.

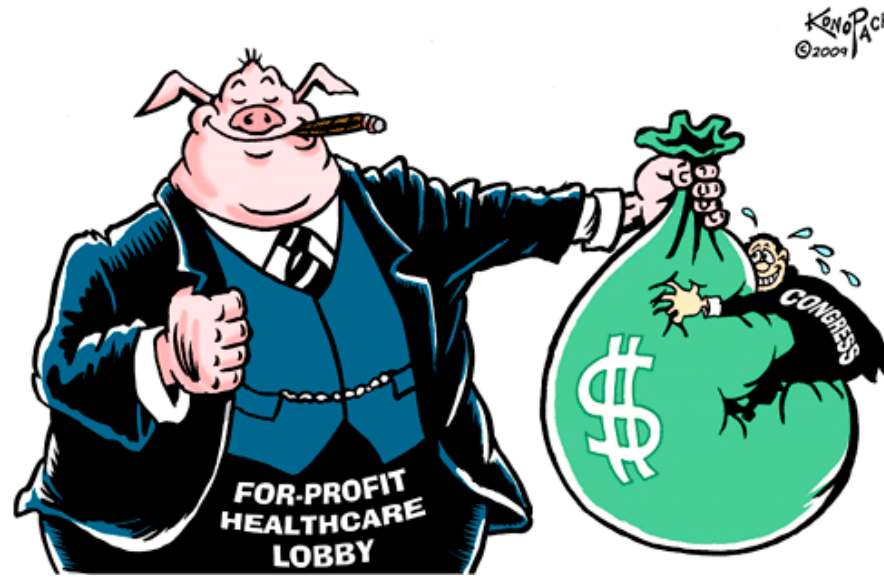
How did we end up with this?

"Congress ought to defeat this monstrosity, start from scratch, and pass single payer."

*Russell Mokhiber,
Single Payer Action,
singlepayeraction.org*

"We know that the majority of people want Medicare for All. The administration will sell this bill as a huge success when in reality it is a massive giveaway to the health insurance industry, with the unprecedented requirement that Americans spend up to 8% of their income on private corporate product."

*Mobilization for Health Care for All,
mobilizeforhealthcare.org*



"Congress and the White House keep calling the medical industry corporations the 'stakeholders' in this reform process. But we know that the true stakeholders are those who provide and receive medical care, not those who profit off the current situation."

*Dr. Margaret Flowers,
Physicians for a National Health Program,
pnhp.org*

"Health care is a basic human right, and both the Senate bill and the House bill presume to take this human right away only from women, and not from men. Only women are targeted. So we say, you know what, kill the health bill entirely."

*Terry O'Neill, President,
National Organization for Women,
now.org*

HEALTH CARE REFORM EXPERTS SAY: KILL THE BILL

In the past ten years, health care costs in this country have doubled. At the root of this remarkable escalation of costs is the for-profit insurance industry. Your public servants in Congress, Democrats and Republicans alike, have been captured and bought by these deplorable forces of corporate greed effectively bypassing the democratic process and potentially serving up the worst health insurance system in the industrialized world.

United for Single Payer fiercely opposes the pending health 'insurance' legislation. This corporate authored, for-profit bill represents the largest shifting of citizens' money to corporate interest in the history of this nation. Don't be fooled! Your access to care is going to shrink while your costs are going to rise.

**EDUCATE YOURSELF ON WHAT THIS LEGISLATION DOES AND YOU'LL SAY:
KILL THE BILL**