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Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, President Barack Obama's chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, reflected on the administration's lack of focus on the economy earlier this year when he said that our Nation's financial crisis presented an opportunity to accomplish agendas unrelated to the economy.

A good example of that was the so-called stimulus bill that had nothing to do with helping to save or create jobs in the private sector, but everything to do with expanding government programs and pushing our Nation \$787 billion deeper into debt.

The Obama administration and the Congress should be focused on one issue and only one issue, and that is stabilizing our Nation's economy so that Americans can keep the jobs they have and get back the jobs they lost. Only when the economy is stabilized should we be debating other issues such as energy policy and health care reform.

Mr. Speaker, the American people are hurting, and it's time that our President and the Democrats in Congress stop ignoring their pain and get to work on fixing this economy.

#### WASHINGTON IS OUT OF TOUCH

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

Mr. LEE of New York. It amazes me how out of touch we are in Washington. For months now, my constituents in western New York have been asking, where are the jobs, any jobs?

Well, according to this chart of job postings, we found out where they are: right here in Washington, D.C., as we continue to hire thousands of Federal bureaucrats. It's one of the only cities that's growing, and all for the wrong reasons.

It's appalling that we're continuing to grow the Federal Government while we're running a deficit of \$1.18 trillion.

When I ran a business, you always had a budget, and you lived within it.

When you look around D.C., you see construction cranes all around the skyline. It's because we can't construct enough buildings to house all these Federal bureaucrats that we're now hiring when we have this deficit.

We have to stop this excessive spending and work together to create the right jobs in the right sectors.

#### WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE

(Ms. SPEIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, the enemies of health reform have scoured all of Canada to find a story that fits with their message of "no change, no reform."

But I only have to look to my district, to Sharon Almeida from San

Bruno, who sent me this letter titled, "What's Wrong With This Picture?"

Each month Sharon and her husband, Frank, net \$3,811 from Social Security and pensions. But they pay out nearly \$2,800 for Sharon's cancer treatments. That leaves them just \$1,000 for food, utilities, gas, insurance, never mind a little something for the grandchildren. Thank God they own their own home and no longer have a mortgage.

Mr. Speaker, Sharon and Frank worked hard. They played by the rules and raised a beautiful and supportive family. They do not deserve this.

So, to the critics of reform, I say, let the Canadians worry about the Canadians. It's time we come together to provide real health care reform for Sharon and other hardworking Americans.

#### TROUBLE IN CAPITAL CITY

(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, trouble, oh, we got trouble right here in Capital City. With a capital T, and it rhymes with B and that stands for Broke. Right here in Capital City, right here, we've gotta figure out a way to help the Americans we're about to choke.

You've got trouble right here in Capital City. With a capital T, and that rhymes with D and that stands for debt. Right here in Capital City we've got trouble. Remember the millions, the billions, the trillions. And don't you forget, we've got trouble. We're in terrible, terrible trouble. The game of some 256 Members is a devil's bet. Oh, yes, we've got trouble, trouble. Trouble with a T. It rhymes with D, and it stands for Democrat.

#### HEALTH CARE

(Mr. BROWN of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it's time for commonsense health care reform that will strengthen free enterprise, lower cost and expand access to affordable quality care.

Unfortunately, at a cost of \$1.28 trillion, Democrats wish to create a new government program that will unwillingly force more than 100 million people out of their current coverage, increase taxes by \$818 billion, and cut 4.7 million jobs.

According to CBO, this legislation would also increase the Federal deficit by \$239 billion over 10 years and, as a result, would ration care, force doctors out of the profession and hospitals out of business, and ultimately provide fewer options and longer waits for patients.

Locally, new health mandates in South Carolina, a State already in financial crisis, would create more unbudgeted costs and reduce funding for other important issues in the State.

Spending so much and accomplishing so little, a government takeover of health care is the wrong direction for all Americans. Republicans have a better plan that expands access to affordable health care and allows families to choose the plan that best fits their needs.

#### CUT TAXES AND CREATE JOBS

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

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, Continental Airlines, one of the largest employers in Houston, has just laid off 1,700 people. And my friend, Mr. CHRIS LEE of New York, has put together an inspired chart that shows clearly what this liberal leadership of this House and this Congress are doing with our hard-earned tax dollars. They're redistributing the wealth to Washington, D.C., they're creating jobs in the government and Washington and out in NANCY PELOSI land, out in San Francisco and in State capitals across the Nation.

But we fiscal conservatives understand, it's common sense: to create jobs, you cut taxes; you get lawyers and bureaucrats and regulators off the backs and out of the pockets of small business people. We need to cut taxes to create jobs. Do so immediately. We need to cut spending at the Federal level to reduce the level of debt that our children and grandchildren are going to have to pay.

The Inspector General for the Treasury has just reported that these irresponsible bailouts that this liberal majority has passed could cost taxpayers up to \$23.7 trillion on top of the \$60 trillion in unfunded liability that we have already passed on to our kids.

It's time to cut taxes and create jobs and get the government off our backs and out of our pockets.

#### PRESIDENT OBAMA'S SUPPORT FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM IS WANING

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, the more details Americans learn about the government takeover of health care proposed by the President and the liberal leadership of Congress, the less support there is for this insane idea.

A Washington Post-ABC poll shows more than half of this country is opposed to this plan. Yes, support for this crazy deep dive into socialism is fading fast.

The nonpartisan CBO says this plan won't reduce the cost as the President suggested; it will accelerate it. And we know that will kill jobs.

This liberal Congress rammed the stimulus and cap-and-trade, which nobody could read before voting, down the throats of the American people.