

As a physician, I know that government-run health care will end quality care. In addition, since the recession began, 6 million jobs have been lost; yet the Democrats' health care plan includes hundreds of billions of dollars in new taxes on small businesses, the job engine creation in this Nation, \$800 billion in new taxes.

According to the economic modeling by the President's own Chief Economic Advisers, the business tax hikes alone would destroy up to 4.7 million jobs, and amazingly, an independent analysis by the nonpartisan Lewin Group found that 114 million Americans would lose their personal, private health insurance.

Mr. Speaker, the American people want real solutions to get our economy back on track, not another excuse to raise taxes on small businesses and working families. House Republicans have a plan for reform that expands access to affordable health care and saves jobs.

#### JOB, JOB, JOB

(Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the facts show that the stimulus has been a dismal failure.

Fact: the administration promised that it would create 3.5 million jobs. Instead, we have lost an additional 2 millions jobs. But not only is the administration and this Congress not succeeding in creating jobs; they're actually rushing to pass legislation that would even create more job losses.

Look, the Pelosi cap-and-trade bill would cost Americans anywhere between 2 million and 3 million jobs a year in additional job losses. The health care proposal would cost Americans 4.7 million jobs lost and lead to \$1.3 trillion in new spending and huge tax increases.

Mr. Speaker, it's time to give relief to the job creators like the small businesses; and very respectfully I say, Mr. President, it's time to stop talking. Stop wasting taxpayers' money. Stop irresponsibly borrowing. Stop raising taxes. It's time to focus, focus on creating jobs. That would be a welcome change.

#### THE ADMINISTRATION IS HIDING OMINOUS NUMBERS FROM THE AMERICAN PUBLIC

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

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. In case you missed it, there was an ominous report in yesterday's Washington Post that said the administration is delaying for several weeks the congressionally mandated report on economic growth, job creation, and budget deficits, a report that's due right now.

The administration said yesterday, We're not going to tell you what's in that report for several more weeks. Why? I will tell you why. They don't want to downplay the politically damaging deficit numbers, the unemployment numbers, and the economic growth, or lack of growth, numbers that are in that report.

Why? Because it's an attempt to hide this record-breaking deficit as the Democrat leaders break arms to rush through this government takeover, the experiment in health care. That's why the administration is hiding ominous numbers from the American public.

#### DEVASTATING JOB LOSSES IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

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

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the devastating job losses in my district in California. This Congress, with the help of the Obama administration, has taken away 40,000 jobs and almost \$1 billion of income from the great San Joaquin Valley in California in a foolish attempt to protect a 3-inch fish.

The valley's unemployment now is at 20 percent, with some towns as high as 40 percent. Yet, the mere flick of a switch on the pumps in the delta will restore 40,000 jobs at no cost to the government.

In addition to this careless disregard for the farmers in my district, the Democrat leadership is now ramming through a \$1.2 trillion health care reform measure that will eliminate 4.7 million jobs, small business jobs, and subject farmers to \$500 billion in new taxes. And let's not forget the \$846 billion national energy tax that will result in a 2.3 million job loss and cause the price of everything on the family farm to dramatically increase.

Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? The Democrats are giving them to the little fishies in the San Francisco Bay delta. Go figure.

#### STIMULUS SPENDING

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, when Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the administration argued that an \$800 billion taxpayer-funded spending spree was necessary to create jobs. It was rushed through with no time to review the policies that would implement this massive spending plan.

The administration sold this spending spree as a jobs creation measure. Yet, it turns out that jobs weren't a priority at all.

A \$3.9 billion stimulus funding announcement was made for smart grid investment grants by Vice President BIDEN in which he stated, "This is jobs—jobs."

Well, the Department of Energy didn't seem to get the memo. Application forms for grants asked: "Will DOE use the number of jobs estimated to be created and/or retained as a criterion for rating a proposal for funding?" The grant guidance says: "No."

Where are the jobs? Job creation was supposed to be the primary requisite for receiving recovery funds, and yet it was simply a reporting requirement. It was never about jobs.

#### WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW A RUSHED GOVERNMENT TAKE-OVER OF HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, as the House leadership prepares to rush to judgment on legislation that will lead to a government takeover of health care, 17 percent of our Nation's economy, it's instructive to look back a few weeks to the cap-and-trade energy debate.

Just before the Fourth of July break, leadership set another deadline to pass what will amount to the largest tax hike in U.S. history.

With unemployment soaring, policies that impose a national energy tax will only make things worse by increasing energy costs for all Americans, crippling small businesses, and putting more people out of their jobs.

Frankly, the legislation we passed is a gift that keeps on giving to our economic rivals like China and India whose economies are already sucking away U.S. manufacturing jobs at an alarming rate. Needless to say, as we saw from Secretary Clinton's recent visit to India, these nations do not plan to impose restrictions on their emissions.

Mr. Speaker, American families are struggling; there's no doubt about it. They're working to make ends meet and they are worrying about their jobs. We should not burden them with a new national energy tax, and we certainly should not allow a rushed government takeover of health care.

#### CREATING JOBS, NOT DESTROYING THEM

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, our economy is in the midst of a historic recession, and millions of Americans have lost their jobs over the past several months despite promises from Speaker PELOSI and President Obama that their extravagant spending would create jobs.

But Americans are a hardworking and resilient people. So I was excited when I heard from a laid off entrepreneurial constituent of mine from Allegheny County, North Carolina, who's working on starting his own business.

He plans to hire around 20 people over the next 2 years.

However, he recently wrote to tell me that if the Democrats' health care bill becomes law, the new taxes and burdensome rules will take a devastating bite out of his ability to grow jobs. In fact, he said he would hire only half the workers if this legislation becomes law.

Mr. Speaker, this is a travesty. This Congress should be implementing policies that create jobs, instead of burdening entrepreneurs with job-killing taxes and new government mandates and red tape.

#### THE POLICIES OF THIS ADMINISTRATION ARE LENGTHENING AND DEEPENING THIS RECESSION

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

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I was struck by the chilling similarity between the broad-based taxes under the Waxman-Markey cap-and-trade tax we passed several weeks ago and the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930 that economists blame as one of the major factors in producing the Great Depression.

Another of Hoover's blunders was the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932. Its centerpiece was a radical increase in income tax rates from 25 percent to well over 50 percent.

If that sounds familiar, it should. That's one of the financing proposals in the health care bill that would push State and Federal income tax rates to more than 50 percent in most States.

Mr. Speaker, when I see the same policies from this administration that turned the recession of 1929 into the Depression of the 1930s, I'm reminded of Ben Franklin's observation that "experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other."

Mr. Speaker, these policies are lengthening and deepening this recession because this administration did not even learn from experience.

#### WHERE ARE THE JOBS THE DEMOCRATS SPENT \$1 TRILLION TO CREATE?

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, you know, I think pushing government-controlled health care is a way for the Democrats to divert attention away from the economy.

The White House said we had to pass a stimulus because it didn't want unemployment over 8 percent. Unemployment is at 9.5 percent and slated to reach higher.

The White House said it didn't want to own General Motors. The government owns General Motors.

The White House said it didn't want any pork in the stimulus. Now, we're

paying money to clear away obstacles for fish and to monitor earthquakes and volcanos.

The White House said it didn't want to increase the deficit. The U.S. deficit broke past \$1 trillion in June, a grim testament to the recession and financial crisis.

I have one question, Where are the jobs the Democrats spent \$1 trillion to create?

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM MUST TARGET ACCESS TO QUALITY AFFORDABLE CARE

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, we must reform health care. Too many Americans do not have access to quality, affordable health care. Instead of resolving these problems, however, the President prescribes an overhaul that will deny Americans treatments they need and make them wait to get treatments that a new health care commissioner allows.

This is not the way to reform our health care system, and my constituents agree. I've received many calls and letters from Arkansans, like Michael who recently told me he owes his life to the fact that we don't have a system like the British-run government health structure that is being hastily proposed.

In 2007, Michael was diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma, something he's sure his doctor would not have caught had he had his hands tied in red tape health procedures. He owes his life to the care we were able to give through a free-market system.

We cannot rush through legislation that will have serious implications on care Americans like Michael receive. We need to take a reasonable amount of time to listen to the concerns of Americans like Michael and craft a commonsense bill that addresses the real problems.

#### WE SHOULD NOT BE DECIMATING THE CARE OF OUR SENIOR POPULATION

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, last week the Democrats released a health care bill which essentially said to America's seniors "drop dead." Despite their promise to care for our seniors, Democrats have decided that it's too expensive to care for my senior constituents and everyone else's constituents.

This bill would cut an additional \$156 billion from the Medicare Advantage program in order to pay for the government expansion of health care for the young, the healthy, and the wealthy.

This, by the way, is the second attack on our seniors this year. The first

came in March when the administration announced that Social Security recipients would not receive a cost-of-living increase.

Listen up, America. Seniors have special needs. This bill ignores the needs of Florida's health care system. We should be fixing what is broke, not decimating the care of our senior population. This is change our Nation cannot afford.

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#### FOCUS ON CREATING JOBS

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

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, the American people are hurting and they're asking, Where are the jobs? The Obama administration and congressional Democrats promised that the stimulus—the trillion-dollar stimulus—would create jobs immediately. Last month alone, we lost almost half a million jobs and unemployment now stands at 9.5 percent.

It's clear the Democrats' trillion-dollar stimulus package isn't working, and their response is to increase spending in the appropriations process by 12 percent, pass a national energy tax that's going to result in increased energy costs, less competitiveness for American jobs, and drive jobs from American shores.

Now they're trying to ram down a health care plan that's going to raise taxes on American business, cost jobs, and force people into a government-run health care plan.

We need to focus on creating jobs—and you do that by holding the line on taxes, controlling spending, and reforming health care. Let's focus on creating jobs and answering the American people's cry for, Where are the jobs?

#### CONSTRUCTIVE HEALTH CARE BILL

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. It's been fascinating watching some of my friends parade to the floor making some pretty outrageous claims. The most recent one was, my good friend from Florida suggesting that by having the administration follow the law, that if the cost-of-living has not increased sufficiently, so that there isn't a cost-of-living increase for Social Security, somehow this is an administration assault on senior citizens. This is a rather bizarre notion when we think about their record when they were in charge, seeking to undercut formulas like the one in question to move them back in the other direction.

When it comes to health care, when our friends on the other side of the aisle, strong-armed their prescription Medicare drug coverage program into