

## Good News on the Healthcare Fight

Thank you for all your hard work over the past few weeks. This is an important battle with much to discuss, so please take the time to read all of this essential material.

If you are like us, you are deeply disappointed that we lost, by an inch, the vote to stop Nancy Pelosi's trillion dollar takeover of health care in America. You might even be thinking that the fight is over. Not true. As Winston Churchill said, "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps the end of the beginning."

And, in fact, the narrowness of the House vote tells me the momentum is on our side. To win this fight, we need your support and continued activism today!

We have made so much progress since President Obama was sworn into office, that we believe we are on a path to victory, against all expectations and seemingly insurmountable odds. Remember that Democrats control all levers of power in Washington DC, including an 81 seat advantage in the House and a functional 60 vote, filibuster proof majority in the Senate. But the legislation they have pushed on us is so far outside the mainstream they can't even get their own guys to vote for it.

President Obama expected to have a government-run takeover of healthcare on his desk BEFORE the August recess. Instead, the amazing grassroots uprising against this audacious power grab has been unprecedented and continues to grow daily. Public opinion continues to sour on the idea of a trillion dollar government grab of our health care system, and declining support for the President and the Democrats on the issue has followed suit. Passing the bill in the House was supposed to be a walk in the park for Pelosi, given her commanding majority of Democrats (258) over Republicans (177). And yet we came so close on Saturday, with broad bipartisan opposition to the bill, including 39 Democrats voting with 176 Republicans to oppose Pelosi's take over.

That's remarkable, and it would not have happened without all of your hard work. In addition to organizing and attending rallies, participating in town hall meetings, and making trips to Washington, DC on 9/12 and 11/05, FreedomWorks members have sent over 250,000 emails to Congress on health care this year and put in an incredible 4,351 phone calls to our 21 target Democrats in just the 24 hours before the vote. Because of your dedication, there is still a chance we can stop this Washington power grab and instead pass reform that empowers the individual.

Pelosi only passing a bill by the slimmest of margins late on a Saturday night lays the groundwork for a defeat of the bill in the Senate. The Pelosi bill is a non-starter in the Senate, with Sen. Joe Lieberman promising to join the Republicans in a filibuster of the government option. In fact, Sunday morning on Face the Nation Sen. Lindsay Graham said the Pelosi bill is "dead on arrival" in the Senate. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid had already indicated a belief that he cannot get a vote this year on ObamaCare, but is now claiming that House passage gives him new momentum to pass legislation in the Senate, probably in December. This Senate battle will indeed be Waterloo for the Obama-Pelosi-Reid government takeover of health care, but you and your neighbors are the ground troops that will defeat this arrogant power grab.

So here is what we need to do:

1. Redouble our efforts to hold all House members accountable for their votes. We must demonstrate a clear political price for ignoring the will of the people to keep government out of our health care. This will send a signal to key Senators that they should not make the same mistake. If your Representative voted for the bill, make sure you let him or her know you know and that you'll be reminding all your friends of his or her vote, too.
2. Thank all House members who voted against the bill, and ask them to redouble their efforts should the bill ever come back in conference.
3. Focus on the swing votes in the Senate that will defeat ObamaCare.

We can do this. We are far ahead of where we should be given the power Democrats have over America. But as we like to say at FreedomWorks: Government goes to those who show up. You have run to the sound of the guns, time and again in this most important fight over the future of America. Let's finish the battle, and bury the idea of government-run health care once and for all.

If you have any doubt that we can stop this, remember:

We kept them from passing the bill in July before anyone could read it.

We let them know what we thought about Washington all month long in August.

We marched on the Capitol by the hundreds of thousands on September 12 and kept them from passing a bill for another month.

We spent October calling, writing, and visiting our Congressmen to tell them to say no to ObamaCare and stopped them for another month.

And on Saturday we forced Pelosi to claim passing a bill with broad bi-partisan opposition was victory. It was not.

We can not afford to let up now. In addition to making your voice heard, we ask that you consider making a contribution to help fund the next wave of attack as we try to reach a million freedom loving citizens to take action in the coming weeks. Please visit [www.FreedomWorks.org](http://www.FreedomWorks.org) if you are in a position to help us.

We fight because we know that no matter how many times the power grabbers in Washington deny it, a trillion dollar health care entitlement means health care will cost us more and will increase the deficit. And we know Washington controlled health care means poorer quality health care.

In fact, we don't need to speculate how the government would handle health care—we're getting a sneak peek with the swine flu vaccine. Aside from the shortages and long waits for the government-funded vaccine, there is the fact that the well connected get access to the vaccine first. The same is always true when politicians are in charge. After already taking billions in bailouts, GoldmanSachs, Citigroup, and Morgan Stanley all got early access to vaccines while regular Americans waited. At least Morgan Stanley had the decency to donate their 1,000 privileged vaccines to local hospitals when it learned it received shipments before some area hospitals.

Do we really want to rely on the benevolence of Wall Street bankers for our access to health care?

We don't, and we don't think you do either. That's why we set up our online Health Care War Room at <http://www.freedomworks.org/online-war-room>, to provide you with some of the tools you will need to continue to be effective fight and win the battle:

Take action in defense of liberty:

- 1) Click Call Congress to where you can easily connect with your representatives and see who the top targets are.
- 2) Click Email Congress to easily send your message to Capitol Hill.
- 3) Click Boots on The Ground to see other ideas on how to make your voice heard and see a map of upcoming rallies against government health care in your state.
- 4) Access updated Talking Points.
- 5) Click Issue Developments for the latest think tank analysis on the Left's government-run health care bill.

**ALSO:** Hand-write letters to your elected officials in Washington, and get your friends to do so too. Then, bundle the letters and mail them to us at FreedomWorks, 601 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, North Building, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004. We will hand deliver them to your elected officials.

And, visit [www.FreedomWorks.org](http://www.FreedomWorks.org) to make a donation to our grassroots campaign to help us help more Americans have their voices heard by a Congress so determined not to listen. Everyone must speak up!

We know you understand that freedom is hard to earn but easy to lose. We know that is why you have put so much time and effort into fighting this unprecedented intrusion by the government into one of the most private aspects of our lives—our health, and our relationship with our doctors.

Thank you for taking action now to fight for liberty.



## Oppose the Government Takeover of Health Care

The health care “reform” legislation that is moving through the Senate Finance Committee fails to offer the common sense reforms our system needs and instead decreases our health insurance choices and makes health care more expensive with higher taxes.

### TELL YOUR SENATORS:

- **Riddled with Taxes:** This legislation is riddled with tax hikes. They start by taxing those earning over \$10,831 year who don’t buy health insurance \$750—a tax that escalates to \$3,800 as income rises. Health insurance, health care devices and drugs are also taxed, adding to the cost of health care, and decreasing the competitiveness of these businesses.
- **Medicare Cuts:** The bill cuts \$500 billion in Medicare spending, including over \$130 billion in cuts to Medicare Advantage and nearly \$120 billion in Medicare cuts for hospitals that care for seniors. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) says they “expected the Medicare Advantage plans to lose 2.7 million enrollees over the next decade” as a result.
- **Raises Insurance Prices:** CBO also finds “premiums in the new insurance exchanges would tend to be higher than the average premiums in the current-law individual market...”
- **Force, Not Choice:** This legislation includes an “individual mandate” forcing all Americans to purchase health insurance, like the Massachusetts law. Taxpayer subsidies will be given to those earning up to three times the federal poverty level. Those not qualifying for subsidies will be taxed up to \$3,800 if they do not buy insurance. The experience in Massachusetts has left those caught inbetween unable to afford insurance *and* having to pay the tax.
- **Big Insurance Boondoggle:** Forcing all the uninsured into insurance could bring as much as \$200 billion a year in new premiums to insurance companies, including \$465 billion in subsidies over 10 years.
- **Privacy Violation:** This legislation would allow law enforcement agencies such as the FBI and the Department of Justice unprecedented unfettered access to medical records.
- **No Lawsuit Reform:** This bill fails to curb junk lawsuits. It doesn’t even implement the “demonstrations projects” on reform the President called for (despite the fact that states like Mississippi have already done so and seen medical malpractice insurance premiums drop 42 percent). Instead, it will “express the Sense of the Senate that health care reform presents an opportunity to address issues related to medical malpractice and medical liability insurance.”
- **Bipartisan Opposition:** The only thing bipartisan about this bill is the opposition to it.
- **A vote for cloture on this legislation is a vote in favor of government-run health care. We will be watching your vote closely. VOTE NO!**

## Senate Call Targets: Call the U.S. Senate and Urge a No Vote on ObamaCare

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