

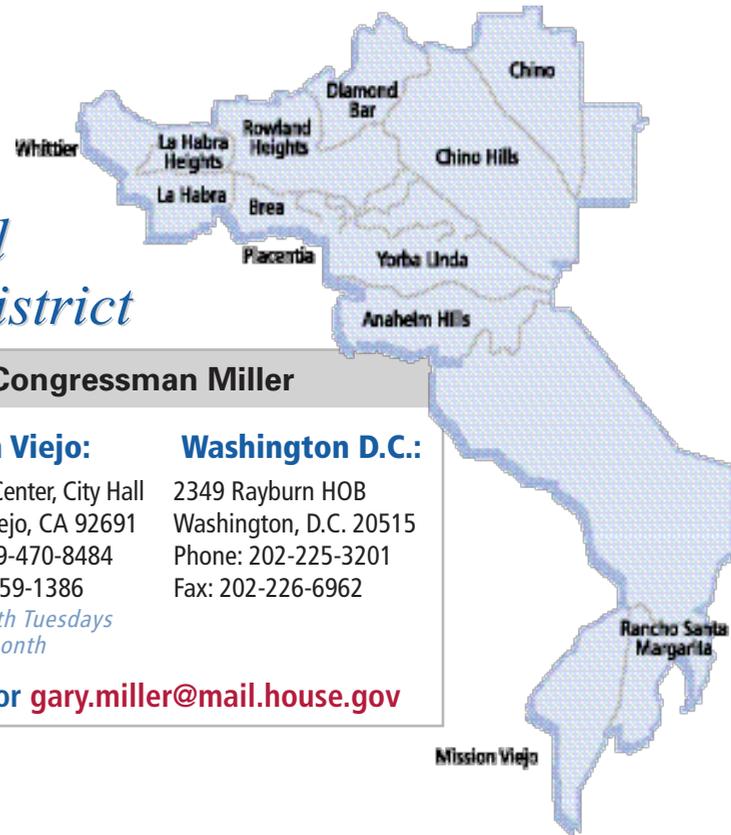
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Supporting Effective Health Care Solutions

Public Option is the Wrong Prescription for America:

No one doubts that our nation's health care system is in need of reform, but we must strike the right balance that builds on what works and fixes what is broken. In my opinion, the current legislation being considered in Congress is the wrong prescription for improving our nation's health care system. A massive government regulation of the health care system will lead to higher costs, lower quality of care, and greater difficulty receiving the care you need. Here are a few reasons the Democrat health care plan is wrong for you:

Eliminates Private Insurance by preventing the sale of individual health insurance policies in private markets.

Federal Bureaucrats Dictate Health Benefits by setting details of health plans all individuals must purchase.

Imposes a 2.5 Percent Tax on the modified adjusted gross income of those who fail to purchase a government-accepted health care plan.

Insurance Premiums Will Skyrocket as hospitals are forced to pass on new costs to you, the consumer.

Hangs Doctors Out to Dry by refusing to address medical malpractice reform.

New Taxes and Mandates on Small Business will force small business owners to drop private insurance and place their employees, against their will, on a government regulated program.

WANT TO ATTEND A MILITARY COLLEGE?

Congressman Miller's Service Academy Night

Thursday, November 12, 2009, 6:30 P.M.

Richard Nixon Library, The East Room

18001 Yorba Linda Blvd.

Yorba Linda, CA 92886

For more information, call 714-257-1142.

Can't make it? Contact Congressman Miller's office to make an appointment to speak with his Service Academy Liaison.

A Better Way Forward

Congressman Miller's Plan to Improve Our Nation's Health Care System

Over the past few months, Congressman Miller has been listening to Southern Californians, talking to doctors and patients, collecting input, and studying ideas to improve our nation's health care system. This process has resulted in a broad outline of health care reform ideas. Specifically, he supports the Empowering Patients First Act which would:

Expand Insurance Portability: Change federal laws to help families keep their health insurance regardless of a change or loss of a job, and encourage new and existing local programs to ensure all Americans have access to affordable health care. Also, individuals would be allowed to shop for insurance across state lines.

Design Innovative Insurance Policies: Give states the tools to design innovative programs that make health care coverage more affordable for everyone, like offering wellness programs, and incentives to get healthy and stay healthy.

Permit Association Health Plans: Let small businesses band together to purchase high-quality health care for their employees at a more affordable price, just as large corporations and unions do.

Enable One Stop Health Care Shopping: Make it easier for Americans to find a health plan that fits their needs by using easy to understand health plan finders for those Americans working in jobs that do not offer health benefits. This means allowing all health plans to register at a central location, such as a website, and allowing citizens to log-in and search for a plan that best fits their needs.

Cover Pre-Existing Conditions: Grant states incentives to establish high-risk and reinsurance pools to ensure coverage for those with pre-existing conditions or high health care needs.

Enhance Prevention and Wellness Programs: Focus on prevention and wellness programs to help avoid serious – and costly – illnesses. By focusing on preventative health care we can dramatically lower the costs in the health care system.

Enact Tort Reform: Rein in junk lawsuits that make health care more expensive for everyone. Every year the lack of medical malpractice reform costs upwards of \$200 billion. We need to take steps to end the practice of defensive medicine and frivolous lawsuits.

Stop Waste, Fraud, and Abuse: Improve Medicare and Medicaid by rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse that costs taxpayers billions of dollars every year.

Expand Research For Cures and Innovative Treatments: Continue to encourage the development of advances in treatment that help people live longer, healthier lives.

“All Americans deserve access to high-quality, affordable care, but such coverage cannot come at the expense of the ability to choose your own doctor and have access to the right care. My principles for health care reform build upon what works and fixes what is broken, while strengthening the patient-doctor relationship and providing greater access to quality care.”

– Congressman Miller