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### **Congressman Gary Miller's Statement On House Passage of Government-Run Health Care Bill**

WASHINGTON, DC – This evening, the House of Representatives passed the Senate's government-run health care legislation by a vote of 219-212 and the Democrats' reconciliation package by a vote of 220-211. Following passage, Congressman Gary Miller released the following statement:

“After numerous backroom deals and sweetheart provisions to secure the votes needed, tonight the House passed the Senate's near \$1 trillion government-run health care bill as well as a reconciliation package that contains the President's amendments to the Senate bill. However, because the reconciliation process is extremely complicated and very uncertain, nothing is guaranteed except that the ultra-questionable Senate health care bill – upon the President's signature – will be the law of the land.

“Over the past several months, a vast majority of my constituents and Americans all across this great nation have voiced their disapproval of a government-run health care system. Americans are tired of Congress making personal decisions for them, raiding their income, adding to the deficit, and placing excessive mandates on our nation's job creators. However, rather than listen to the people they represent, House Democrats have caved to the will of Speaker Pelosi and President Obama by voting in favor of bigger government and higher taxes instead of personal choice and economic freedom.

“The bill is a dramatic step away from personal, private coverage and choice, to a Washington-controlled healthcare system that rations care, limits choice, and reduces quality, innovation and competition. Through the creation of 159 new government agencies, bureaucracies, and programs, the government will now dictate what health care services you can have and at what cost.

“To pay for this unprecedented government takeover of the American health care system and new entitlement programs, the bill increases taxes by \$569.2 billion over the next decade and cuts Medicare by \$528.5 billion. These taxes and cuts will harm small businesses, middle-class families, and seniors and will ultimately kill countless jobs. To enforce all the new taxes and penalties in the Democrats' health care plan, it is estimated that the IRS will need to hire 16,500 additional workers to police every American.

“As the cost of health care has dramatically risen over the past several years, no one doubts that our nation's health care system is in need of reform. However, rather than address the actual problem of rising health care costs, Democrats today voted for a bill that will increase premiums by 10 to 13 percent. Hope, change, and increased transparency for America? I don't think so.

“Because 80 percent of my constituents oppose a government-run health care system, I voted against this piece of legislation. I fought hard against this plan and took every opportunity to show the negative consequences of this bill. Those that followed Speaker Pelosi by voting for this bill will have to face their constituents – and I don't think it's going to be a happy November for them.”

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