



Sample Letters to the Editor on Health Care Overhaul

Sample Letter # 1

President Obama's proposed government takeover of health care funds abortions with our tax dollars. It would force you to pay premiums for insurance plans that cover abortions. The Obama plan would also require insurers to cover abortion so that doctors and other health care providers who participate in these private insurance programs would be forced to participate in abortion.

President Obama and the Democratic leadership claim they want to 'reduce' abortion, *but you don't reduce abortion by funding it with taxpayer money.*

According to a November 2008 Zogby Poll, 71 percent of Americans do not want their tax dollars funding abortions. Tell Congress to listen to the deeply held convictions of the American people and vote no on H.R. 3200, the abortion health care bill, and oppose any legislation that does not exclude mandates for abortion coverage. We cannot afford to sit back and ignore the moral and ethical dangers of this attempted government takeover of our health care.

Sample Letter # 2

President Obama's proposed government takeover of health care is a serious threat to conscience protections for medical professionals. Conscience protections, which have been in place for more than three decades, mean that doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other health care providers are not required by law to participate in abortion or abortion-inducing contraceptives. No one should be forced to have an abortion, and neither should anyone be forced to be an abortionist. However, the President's new health care legislation lacks these important protections.

Conscientious professionals deserve our respect and admiration, not harassment and discrimination by government bureaucrats. Health care providers should decide what crosses the ethical line for them, not Congress or a federal agency. Tell Congress you want meaningful conscience protections included in any health care reform.

Sample Letter # 3

Without question, President Obama's government takeover of health care is one of the largest programs ever proposed. President Obama continues to ignore the financial

warnings from non-partisan government entities such as the Congressional Budget Office, which places a massive price tag of well over \$1 trillion.

The Obama plan would erode and deplete employer-based health insurance--and instead of replacing it with personal responsibility, it would compel tens of millions of people to become dependent on Uncle Sam for their medical needs. It would suffocate small business owners with new taxes. And by offering new benefits to a wider pool of participants, rationing of care is inevitable.

In addition, the moral and ethical landscape of our nation will be changed forever, as health care providers are required to perform abortions or provide abortion-inducing drugs. The Obama plan would not only violate the consciences of thousands of doctors, nurses and other caregivers, but require taxpayers to fund abortion. That's simply wrong.

Tell Congress to oppose this radical government takeover of our health care. I am not ready to hand my health care decisions over to the government.