

MEMO

To: House Republicans

From: Republican Leader John Boehner (R-OH)

Re: Where Are the Jobs? Not in President Obama's Health Care Law

Date: 25 Mar 10

By signing into law the massive health care bill, President Obama abandoned our founding principle that government governs best when it governs closest to the people.

Americans have never felt more disconnected from their government than they do today. They have spent the past 14 months watching with disbelief as Democratic leaders pressed a job-threatening health care takeover, a job-threatening national energy tax, a massively-irresponsible budget, and a pork-laden "stimulus" spending bill, rather than reining in spending and focusing on bipartisan solutions to help our economy create jobs. It has now become evident to working Americans that the Democratic majority running Washington not only has no plan to help our economy create jobs, but is actually willing to sacrifice millions of them if that's the price to be paid for ensuring that the Left's vision of big-spending big government advances. As the attached document shows, the ObamaCare-related [job losses](#) have already started.

And as the events of the past week have shown, the Democratic-controlled Congress isn't done with health care. As a result of the sloppy process and embarrassing backroom deals that produced this legislation, we're going to have to come back and fix this bill time and time again in the coming weeks and months to correct flaws and mistakes when we should be working together to create a better environment for American small businesses to save, invest, and hire. For small businesses, the engine of job creation in America, enactment of this health care bill means more uncertainty – and uncertainty kills jobs.

For the American people, the consequences of ObamaCare's enactment will be grave. It means fewer jobs, and higher taxes. It means fewer doctors, and more IRS agents. It means higher health care premiums, and lower quality health care. It means fewer Medicare benefits for seniors, and massive deficits to fund new entitlements. It means taxpayer funding of abortion, and shattered trust between Americans and those entrusted to run their government.

Republicans offered a better solution – a common-sense approach to health care reforms that starts with lowering costs for American families and small businesses. Our solution

showed that it is possible to address all of the health care issues Americans want addressed – including coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions, allowing parents to keep their children on their health plans through age 25, allowing Americans to purchase insurance across state lines, and other reforms – in a bipartisan way, without raising taxes, destroying jobs, cutting Medicare to create a new entitlement program, or saddling our children and grandchildren with trillions in new debt.

Republicans will continue to stand on principle, hold President Obama accountable for his promises, and fight to repeal this government takeover of health care so we can start over on common-sense reforms that lower costs for families and small businesses.

Specifically, Republicans will fight to:

- Repeal this job-destroying government overhaul of health care and replace it with solutions that will protect jobs and lower Americans' health care costs.
- Repeal ObamaCare's job-destroying tax hikes and mandates and replace them with common-sense market-based solutions that cover Americans with pre-existing conditions.
- Repeal Medicare cuts that take choices and benefits away from seniors to fund a new entitlement program, and replace them with reforms that strengthen Medicare for seniors today and tomorrow.
- Repeal taxpayer funding of abortion and replace it with laws that respect life.
- Repeal bankrupting unfunded mandates on states and replace them with affordable state-based health care solutions.
- Repeal gimmicks that tax Americans for 10 years and provide benefits for six, and replace them with honest policies where you get what you pay for.
- Repeal the backroom vote-buying practice of using the taxpayers' money to purchase support for controversial legislation, and replace it with the voice of the American people.
- Repeal this government overhaul of health care and replace it with better solutions, such as common-sense reforms that allow young people to remain on their parents' health insurance plan up to their 26th birthday, without job-killing tax hikes and mandates and Medicare cuts that take choices away from seniors to fund a new entitlement program.

Enactment of President Obama's massive health care bill is a grim moment for millions of Americans, particularly those concerned about high unemployment and out-of-control spending by the federal government. By signing the massive health care bill, President Obama effectively signed pink slips for millions of American workers who will lose their jobs or be denied new jobs. Economist Diana Furchtgott-Roth, director of the Hudson Institute's Center for Employment Policy, puts it this way:

"The sheer size and cost of the health care bill will inevitably lead to a larger share of the economy under government control and higher government spending. Taxes will rise, diminishing incentives to work, invest, and create jobs. Government controls on insurance premiums and health care expenditures will stifle innovation in pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and the delivery of health care services. In contrast, the Republican plans don't cost \$1 trillion, adding to national debt; they don't raise taxes, slowing the economy; they don't impose mandates on employers, discouraging low-skill employment and reducing wages; and they would give people a broader choice of plans, thereby increasing the efficiency in the delivery of health care services."

More than 130 other economists joined Ms. Furchtgott-Roth recently in signing a [statement](#) warning that the new health care law will destroy American jobs. I encourage you to share it with your constituents.

The American people know there's a better way than the Democrats' job-killing agenda of big spending and bigger government. They want policies that will encourage job creation rather than threaten and destroy jobs; policies that will help ensure a better future for our children rather than saddling them with trillions in new debt. The American people are in charge. And Republicans are listening to the American people.

ObamaCare is ALREADY Destroying American Jobs

House Republican Leader John Boehner | March 25, 2010

Last week, more than 130 economists wrote a [letter to President Obama and Congress](#) stating that Democrats' government takeover of health care is a job-killer: *"In our view, the health care bill contains a number of provisions that will eliminate jobs, reduce hours and wages, and limit future job creation."*

<p><u>IOWA</u> <i>John Deere is Iowa's largest manufacturer, with roughly 12,000 employees.</i></p>	<p>"Deere & Company, Iowa's largest manufacturing employer, said in a statement this morning that the <u>recently-passed health care legislation will cost the company \$150 million after tax this year.</u>" (Des Moines Register, 3/25/10)</p>
<p><u>ILLINOIS</u> <i>President Obama says "you can measure America's bottom line by looking at Caterpillar's bottom line."</i></p>	<p>"Heavy-equipment maker Caterpillar says the new health care reform law will create <u>a \$100 million drag on its first-quarter earnings</u> because of tax law changes. ... Caterpillar says even though the change won't take effect until 2011, its liabilities for retiree health care are already reflected in its financial statements." (Associated Press, 3/24/10)</p>
<p><u>INDIANA</u> <i>Indiana is home to more Sallie Mae workers than any other state.</i></p>	<p>"The reforms passed Sunday night as part of the health-care reform package could prompt student lender Sallie Mae – which employs 700 people at a Muncie call center – to <u>cut a quarter of its workforce or close its Muncie office outright.</u>" (Muncie Star Press, 3/20/10)</p>
<p><u>MASSACHUSETTS</u> <i>Massachusetts' life sciences industry is the Bay State's second-biggest driver of job growth.</i></p>	<p>"A dire warning from Bay State medical-device companies that a new sales tax in the federal health-care law could force their plants - and thousands of jobs – out of the country has rattled Gov. Deval Patrick, a staunch backer of the law... 'This bill is a jobs killer,' said Ernie Whiton, chief financial officer of Chelmsford's Zoll Medical Corp., which employs about 650 people in Massachusetts. ... <u>'We could be forced to (move) manufacturing overseas if we can't pass along these costs to our customers,'</u> said Whiton." (Boston Herald, 3/25/10)</p>
<p><u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u> <i>Year-round tourism is New Hampshire's largest industry.</i></p>	<p>"The state's seasonal tourism industry is only now beginning to realize that it could get hammered by the new health care reform law. The bill signed into law ... fines businesses that do not provide health insurance to full-time employees who work more than 120 days a year. The assessment is \$2,000 per employee, which, according to SkiNH lobbyist Bruce Berke and group president Alice Pearce, could mean <u>as much as \$1 million in fines to the big ski resorts, some of which hire as many as 500 seasonal workers.</u>" (New Hampshire Union-Leader, 3/25/10)</p>
<p><u>PENNSYLVANIA</u> <i>Small businesses account for 98.4% of Pennsylvania employers.</i></p>	<p>"John Kempinski, owner of Crossroads Pharmacy in Hanover Twp., fears the health care bill ... will burden him with crushing taxes. 'If they raise taxes, it's going to affect every small business,' Mr. Kempinski said. 'Luzerne County's taxes are going up. <u>All those taxes are going up and if they throw another tax on us, it curtails me from remodeling, hiring, advertising and giving contributions to the Little League. It curtails all of that.</u>" (Scranton Times-Tribune, 3/23/10)</p>