Knowing your interest in health care reform, I wanted to let you know that the nonpartisan experts at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released an <u>analysis</u> on the government takeover of health care today and the basic facts of the report are disturbing. This report provides concrete evidence that the health care bill will raise, not lower, health care costs, put Washington in charge of health care decisions, and threaten seniors' access to care and their ability to keep their Medicare plans. The American people deserved to know these facts before the bill was passed. That's why I offered a resolution (

H.Res. 883

) to postpone consideration of the bill until the Medicare actuaries' analysis had been public for at least 72 hours. Unfortunately, Congressional Democrats rushed this bill through the House, and now the non-partisan experts at CMS have confirmed our worst fears. It's clearer than ever that our first order of business should be to repeal and replace this government takeover with commonsense solutions that will actually bring down health care costs without growing government.