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Congressman Tom Price Chairman, Republican Study Committee United States House of Representatives Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Price,

We have noticed that much of the news media has criticized the Republicans for not having alternatives to the mostly liberal health care reform legislation being passed in Congress. We know this criticism to be false.

Thank you for introducing a comprehensive health care bill in the House of Representatives. Your bill, the "Empowering Patients First Act," (H.R. 3400,) is a free-enterprise commonsense alternative to the mostly socialized medicine legislation offered by the other party including, H.R. 3200, and the bill being voted on this week in the Senate Financial Services Committee.

Your bill is yet more evidence that your party does have robust, bold, patient-oriented ideas on health care. In addition, we commend other members of your Republican Study Committee (RSC) who have introduced other health care reform legislation. However, we also noticed that a total of 57 RSC-Member amendments were rejected by Democrats in three committees in the House of Representatives.

We are hopeful that the majority party leaders in both the House and Senate will do as they promised during the past two elections and work together with members of the opposition party to pass commonsense health care reform. Thank you for all that you do.

Best regards

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President

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