

## ***Congressman John Sullivan***

*Connecting with Constituents: What YOU need to know about Health Care Reform:*

### **PROBLEMS:** The TRUTH about the Democrat Health Care Reform & Its impact on the First Congressional District:

- The Democrat health care bill, H.R. 3962 is a **\$1.3 trillion government takeover** our health care system that will exacerbate the deficit and imperil the nation's long-term fiscal solvency (Source H.R. 3962)
- This bill has the potential to force more than **100 million Americans** off their current private health care plans where they have choices and into the government rolls with government bureaucrats and advisory boards making the health care decisions for all Americans. ( Source: Lewin Group)
- It contains **\$729 billion** in new taxes on small businesses, individuals who cannot afford health coverage, and employers who cannot afford to provide coverage that meet federal bureaucrats' standards. (Source H.R. 3962)
- It contains a massive expansion of the federal government by creating **111**—Additional offices, bureaus, commissions, programs, and bureaucracies and expanding or creating **43**—Entitlement programs (Source H.R. 3962)
- **Payments for Medicare Advantage.** Nearly 11 million seniors choose Medicare Advantage plans as the coverage that best meet their needs. Specifically, the Democrats have proposed cutting Medicare spending for the **31,208** seniors in the **1st District of Oklahoma** who are currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan. (Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

### **SOLUTIONS:** Here are just a few of the ideas Congressman Sullivan will advocate in a health care reform:

- **No single-payer system or big-government takeover of our health care industry.**
- **Tax credits** - to allow employees to take coverage with them from job to job
- **Associated Health Plans (AHPs)** - allows small businesses to buy coverage as a group, like a corporation or union would do
- **Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)** – to allow you to pay for future qualified healthcare on a tax-free basis
- **Fairness in the tax code** - allow individuals and families who do not get health insurance through their employer a tax deduction to offset the cost of purchasing insurance
- **Tort reform** – to decrease the amount of defensive medicine currently practiced
- **Interstate Insurance Purchasing** – allows families and small businesses to buy insurance across state lines which will increase competition
- **Insurance Reform** – Allows states the tools to design innovative programs that make health coverage more affordable for everyone, like expanding high risk insurance pools for uninsured residents

Congressman Sullivan believes the real way to healthcare reform is bring all stake holders (patients, doctors, citizens and hospitals, etc.) **a seat at the table with equal input and participation.**