



**Healthcare Passes.** That was the headline back on November 8th, when Gerry Connolly voted to support a healthcare plan that represents

- a mammoth new entitlement program we can't afford on top of the current entitlement programs that are feeding our deficits
- a government run healthcare system which takes decisions out of your hands and will destroy the best healthcare system in the world – even the Canadian Prime Minister was smart enough to leave his country's government health care system for his treatment.
- a range of job-killing tax hikes and controls on all Americans which places additional burden on our employers and citizens.

At least they voted on this package. The “self executing rule” and “deemed and pass” tricks currently being used to try and pass this massive package are an abuse of process, a slap in the face of the constitution and against the will of the majority of the citizens in the country and in Virginia's 11<sup>th</sup> district.

**Breaking News – President Obama at GMU.** On Friday, President Obama will be visiting George Mason, to rally support for healthcare and make sure Gerry Connolly “votes” for the bill. We need to make it clear to the President, Nancy Pelosi and her ally Gerry Connolly; we need healthcare reform, but not the kind they are pushing.

Please join us on Friday at 9am-12noon outside the George Mason Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, to send the message loud and clear that our country and the 11<sup>th</sup> district does not want their form of healthcare reform - more details will follow soon.

**Contact Gerry Connolly's Office.** One other thing you can do is call or email our Congressman, Gerry Connolly, urging him to vote against this Obama-Reid-Pelosi bill. You can contact Mr. Connolly by:

Phone: Washington Office: 202-225-1492

Phone: Annandale Office: 703-256-3071

Email: <http://connolly.house.gov> and then click on Contact Us and find email link

**Real Health Care Reform.** It is time for Washington to listen and start this process over with common sense proposals to improve our current system. The key to healthcare reform is less bureaucracy by cutting costs and allowing more choices for American consumers.

As your representative I will fight for:

- free market solutions such as health savings accounts and pooling by small businesses and cooperatives to allow all Americans access to affordable, private healthcare,

- implementation of tort reform to reduce the presence of frivolous lawsuits which drive up the cost of insurance for medical practitioners,
- eliminating the tax penalties individuals pay for private health insurance,
- eliminating the restrictions on competition between health insurance companies in different states and expand the portability of plans, and
- using technology to reduce the fraud and waste in the system.

Health care reform should not increase the federal deficit and the government should not be making health care decisions. Those choices are best left between patients and their doctors.

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