



## Real Healthcare Reform

Unfortunately but hardly surprisingly, the health care summit yesterday ended without any kind of real bipartisan progress on improving our healthcare system.

While it was great to see the President acknowledge that the common sense proposals put forward by Republicans were good ones, it seemed evident that President Obama and the Democrat majority remain committed to a massive overhaul of the best healthcare system in the world. America has made it clear that it does not want a government run system that raises taxes, raises rates, and drastic cuts Medicare.

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 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.