

# BE MAD AS HECK & DO NOT TAKE IT ANYMORE!!!



*Insurance company plans have failed to care for our people. They profit from denying care.*

*Americans don't like this because we care about one another. An American plan is both the moral and practical alternative to provide care for our people.*

*American reform regulates insurance companies so that they will no longer be able to discriminate against sick people and deny care due to pre-existing conditions, charge unlimited out-of-pocket costs that are bankrupting families, and they will have to offer consumers the freedom to choose from several quality plans.*

- **Insurance Company Profit-Based Plans**--The bottom line is the bottom line for insurance companies.
- **Private Taxation without Representation.** Insurance companies have the power to tax and they tax the public mightily. When 20 percent to 30 percent of payments do not go to health care, but to denying care and profiting from it, that constitutes a tax on the 96 percent of voters that have health care. But the tax does not go to benefit those who are taxed; it benefits managers and investors. And the people taxed have no representation. Insurance company health care is a huge example of taxation without representation. And you can't vote out the people who have taxed you. The American plan offers an alternative to private taxation.
- **Doctors Care; Insurance Companies Don't.** A public plan aims to put care back into the hands of doctors and patients.
- **Insurance Companies Ration Care.** Have you ever had to wait more than a week for an authorization? Have you ever had an authorization turned down? Have you had to wait months to see a specialist? Does your primary care physician have to rush you through? Have your out-of-pocket costs gone up? Ask these questions. You know the answers. It's because insurance companies have been rationing care.
- **Insurance Companies Are Inefficient and Wasteful.** A large chunk of your health care dollar is not going for health care when you buy from insurance companies. It's going into Golden Parachutes.
- **Insurance Companies Govern Your Lives.** They have more power over you than even governments have. They make life and death decisions. And they are accountable only to profit, not to citizens.
- **The Health Care Failure is an Insurance Company Failure.** Why keep a failing system? We must reform the health care industry that is threatening the health and well-being of Americans.



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