

**“State HMOs deny 1 in 5 claims, analysis shows”**

— Los Angeles Times

**“Rape Victim's Choice: Risk AIDS or Health Insurance?”**

— Huffington Post

**“Wife's cancer prompts man to enlist”**

— Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel

**“Underweight Girl Denied Insurance Coverage  
Parents Say 2-Year-Old Girl Perfectly Healthy”**

— ABC News, Denver

**“WellPoint cuts workers health benefits”**

— Cincinnati Enquirer

**“Health premiums up 131% in Last 10 Years”**

— San Francisco Chronicle

**“Medical bills underlie 60 percent  
of U.S. bankruptcies”**

— Reuters

**“Discrimination by Insurers Likely Even With Reform”**

— Washington Post

## Haven't We Had Enough?

Send the Insurers a Message They Won't Forget:

# Medicare for All



### A Memo to Congress from America's Working Families —

Rep. Anthony Weiner's substitute amendment H.R. 676 would send an unmistakable signal to the big insurers and to all Americans that Congress will no longer tolerate:

- Skyrocketing insurance premiums, deductibles, co-pays and other out-of-pocket fees. High medical bills prompt 62 percent of medical bankruptcies<sup>1</sup> and cause more than half of Americans to skip needed medical care due to cost.<sup>2</sup>
- Insurance company denials of medical care they don't want to pay for. A California report found six major insurers reject nearly one-fourth of claims every year.<sup>3</sup>
- Insurance bureaucrats standing between patients and their doctor. Administrative waste consumes 25 to 30 percent under private insurance, but just 3 percent under Medicare.<sup>4</sup>

### A Vote for Medicare for All — Single-Payer — is a vote for:

- Universal healthcare for everyone.
- Expanded choice of doctors and hospitals.
- Strong, effective cost controls through bulk purchasing and negotiated fee schedules.
- Medical decisions made by patients and their doctors, not insurance claims adjusters.
- Ending the competitive disadvantage that our employers have versus companies in countries with a national healthcare system.
- A major economic stimulus. Medicare for all would create 2.6 million new jobs, \$317 billion in higher business and public revenues, at a cost of just \$63 billion more than we spend on healthcare now.<sup>5</sup>

Join America's nurses, doctors, working families, and millions of supporters in support of Medicare for All.

Endorsed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, American College of Physicians, and 535 union organizations in 49 states.

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California Nurses Association/National Nurses Organizing Committee

California School Employees Association

International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers

International Longshore and Warehouse Union

Labor Campaign for Single-Payer Healthcare

United American Nurses

United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America

United Mine Workers of America

Utility Workers Union of America

<sup>1</sup> The American Journal of Medicine, August 2009. <sup>2</sup> Associated Press, February 26, 2009. <sup>3</sup> Los Angeles Times, September 3, 2009. <sup>4</sup> Health Affairs, May/June 2008. <sup>5</sup> CNA/NNOC Study, January 2009.