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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
H-232 United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

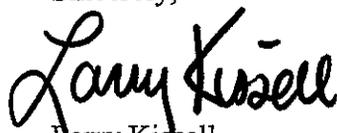
Dear Speaker Pelosi:

As we move forward with health care reform, I have serious reservations about some of the excise tax proposals being considered in the Senate. I support the goal of making health care reform deficit neutral, but raising revenue through an excise tax on the most expensive insurance plans could negatively impact many of my constituents. Health care reform should lower costs for Americans, but instituting an excise tax on health care insurance could actually raise costs for some middle class families if insurance providers pass their increased costs along to consumers.

Although this excise tax is directed toward insurance companies, we should avoid provisions that risk adding any more costs to middle class families. According to Congressional Research Service this excise tax could affect up to 7% of Americans. Reform must bend the health care cost curve so that spiraling costs stabilize and decrease, rather than simply shifting the costs from one group to another.

Madame Speaker, I hope that you take my concerns and the concerns of my constituents into consideration as we continue forward with health care reform.

Sincerely,


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