September 26, 1993 C-Span 400 N. Capital Street Suite 650 Washington D.C. 20001 Sir: Corporations paying for healthcare is not the answer. The best solution is to have an one or two percent state sales tax added to the present collected sales tax and set aside for healthcare only. Everyone would pay something and would be fair. Companies passes this cost on to the customer. This is the states' problem and not the federal government's problem. HEALTHCARE SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE STATES AND NOT TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. States could bill another state for the care of a person who is not a citizen of their state. The non - worker and the working poor could receive a tax credit or refund from the state; because, if it wasn't for the working poor our products, we buy, would cost a great deal more. Everyone would be cover, medicaid and medicare receivers would also be cover under this plan. We than can dispose of the medicaid and medicare department and save a huge amount of money. Having a state sales tax would be simple to collect. No huge amount of statements, premiums and checks to be written and mailed. We can than eliminate the department of medicaid and medicare and the health insurance offices around the world. THE ELIMINATION OF THESE OFFICES IS A MUST. A LOT OF THE COST OF HEALTH PREMIUMS GOES TO COVER THE COST OF STAUFFING AND MAINTAINING THESES DEPARTMENTS AND NOT FOR MEDICAL CARE. Doctors, hospitals and pharmacies using different color envelopes would bill the state once a month. The doctors would bill on the first of the month, the hospitals would bill on the tenth of the month, the pharmacies would bill on the twentieth of the month. People would use their social security card and sign for the care and medicine one receives. This would save a huge amount and the mailing and billing cost. If a person spending \$30,000 a year, paying a two percent sales tax, his cost for health insurance would cost around \$600 a year, NOT A BAD DEAL, when you compare this cost to the

average \$3,000 paid for health premiums for each person, plus workman comp, plus auto and property medical premiums that one pays for, plus what one pays out of his own pocket that the insurance companies won't pay for. Insurance companies wants to collect money, but they don't want to pay for anything.

Example: Medicare insurance, which pays for 80% of the medicare allowed amount for doctors and hospitals bills. The Society Security pays the insurance for hospital coverage and the insurance to pay for the doctors bill is deducted from what you receive monthly from one's Society Security check.

Example: The doctors and hospital bills is ... \$10,000. Medicare and your supplement insurance, one pays for, will cover only part of the bill, medicare allowed amount is ... \$ 8,000. Leaving the patient to pay out of his pocket ...... \$ 2,000.

THIS IS NOT A GOOD DEAL! People are paying for insurance and receiving little. People receiving social security pays for the insurance to cover the doctor's bill plus they have to pay for a supplement insurance to cover the 20% medicare doesn't pay for, plus pay for what your insurance doesn't pay.

A lot of people don't get the care, the help, and medicine they need; because, after paying for insurance, they can't afford medical care.

GET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, CORPORATIONS AND INSURANCES COMPANIES OUT OF HEALTHCARE. THESE ORGANIZATIONS COSTS A GREAT DEAL AND YOU RECEIVE LITTLE.

Respectfully,

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