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COMMON-SENSE HEALTH CARE REFORMS OUR NATION CAN AFFORD

"It's time to start over on a common-sense, bipartisan plan focused on lowering the cost of health care while improving quality. That's what I heard over the past several months in talking to thousands of my constituents. Replacing your family's current health care with government-run health care is not the answer. We can do better, with a targeted approach that tackles the biggest problems."

- Rep. Charles Boustany, Jr., MD, September 9, 2009

The American people have spoken. They oppose government-run health care. Republicans are on the side of the American people.

What Americans want are common-sense, responsible solutions that address the rising cost of health care and other major problems. In the [Republican address](#) following President Obama's speech to a Joint Session of Congress on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, Dr. Charles Boustany (R-LA) outlined a series of such solutions:

- "We do need medical liability reform, and it needs to be real reform. We need to establish tough liability reform standards, encourage speedy resolution of claims, and deter junk lawsuits that drive up the cost of care."
- "Let's also talk about letting families and businesses buy insurance across state lines. I and many other Republicans believe that will provide real choice and competition to lower the cost of health insurance."
- "All individuals should have access to coverage, regardless of preexisting conditions."
- "Individuals, small businesses and other groups should be able to join together to get health insurance at lower prices, the same way large businesses and labor unions do."
- "We can provide assistance to those who still cannot access a doctor."
- "[I]nsurers should be able to offer incentives for wellness care and prevention - something particularly important to me. I operated on too many people who could have avoided surgery if they'd simply made healthier choices earlier in life."

For more information about these and some of the other common-sense health care reforms proposed by Republicans, please visit these links:

- [House GOP Health Care Solutions Group Plan](#) (Unveiled June 17, 2009)
- [Empowering Patients First Act](#) (Republican Study Group Health Care Reform Bill, unveiled July 30, 2009)
- [Improving Health Care for All Americans Act](#) (Shadegg Health Care Reform Bill, introduced July 14, 2009)
- [Patients' Choice Act](#) (Ryan-Nunes Health Care Reform Bill, introduced May 20, 2009)
- [Medical Rights & Reform Act](#) (Kirk-Dent Health Care Reform Bill, introduced June 16, 2009)
- [Help Efficient, Accessible, Low-cost, Timely Healthcare \(HEALTH\) Act](#) (Gingrey medical liability reform bill, introduced June 6, 2009)
- [Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2009](#) (Johnson small business health plans bill, introduced May 21, 2009)
- [Promoting Health and Preventing Chronic Disease through Prevention and Wellness Programs for Employees, Communities, and Individuals Act of 2009](#) (Rep. Castle Wellness & Prevention Bill, introduced July 31, 2009)
- [Improved Employee Access to Health Insurance Act of 2009](#) (Rep. Deal auto-enrollment bill, introduced October 15, 2009)
- [Health Insurance Access for Young Workers and College Students Act of 2009](#) (Rep. Blunt bill to improve health insurance coverage of dependents, introduced October 21, 2009)
- [31 Common-Sense Changes Republicans Offered to Improve Democrats' Health Care Bill](#) (GOP Leader Alert, July 28, 2009)
- [House Republican Leaders' Letter to President Obama \[PDF\]](#) Outlining Areas for Common Ground on Health Care Reform (May 13, 2009)
- [Cleveland Plain Dealer: GOP health care reform proposals focus on medical liability reform & competition to lower costs](#) (October 17, 2009)



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