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New Report Confirms Health Law Raises Premiums, Hurts Seniors

A report last week from President Obama's own health analyst confirms what millions of Americans have been saying for more than a year. The health care legislation rammed into law last month is a fiscal disaster that will raise health costs for all Americans while hurting seniors by cutting Medicare benefits.

The report released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) chief actuary concludes that the new law "will do little to rein in spiraling costs and government spending." It also found that the law hurts seniors by cutting billions from critical Medicare services. As most Americans suspected, the report confirmed that the law raises taxes, increases health insurance premiums, and makes health care more expensive for millions of Americans.

The CMS report also concluded that the health care law:

- Causes 50 percent of seniors to lose their Medicare Advantage plans (that includes more than 115,000 Michigan seniors)
- Cuts Medicare by \$575 billion, putting at risk seniors' access to doctors and other medical caregivers
- Imposes \$87 billion in additional taxes on employers
- Levies more than \$33 billion in additional taxes on individuals

- Drives health care costs up, not down, by \$311 billion over the next 10 years

Because of my concerns with this massive new health care law, I have demanded hearings in Congress to investigate why the plan raises health costs and hurts our nation's seniors. I have also written a letter to Democrat leaders in the House of Representatives requesting that CMS officials testify before the Energy and Commerce Committee so we can discuss the Administration report in detail with the panel. It is crucial for members of Congress and the American people to understand the full and true impact of this dangerous overhaul of our health care system so we can begin to fix it in a way that works.

To read the full CMS report, please [click here](#).

Congress Doesn't Deserve a Pay Raise

This week I voted in favor of legislation which would block an upcoming pay raise for members of Congress. I have always opposed pay raises for Congress while it runs budget deficits.

Michigan families are trying to recover from one of the worst recessions in our history, and yet Washington D.C. continues to spend taxpayers' money at an alarming and unsustainable rate. That is why I have continually supported a 1% cut across the board of most government programs and opposed wasteful "stimulus" spending and billions in bailouts to irresponsible Wall Street banks.

Congress needs to take immediate steps to stop out-of-control federal spending and protect precious taxpayer dollars. It is an obligation we owe to future generations of Americans.

Visit the troubling "U.S. Debt Clock" by [clicking here](#).

Rogers Named to National Security Solutions Group

This week I was named to a National Security Solutions Group in Congress which will take the lead in developing and advocating better solutions to the national security challenges America faces.

Republican Leader John Boehner says: "Addressing the national security challenges we face and protecting the American people are absolutely vital. Mike Rogers has been

a leader in our efforts to offer common-sense solutions that keep America safe and support our troops in harm's way, and he will be a critical part of our national security solutions group."

As a former FBI Special Agent and a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, I look forward to developing and advocating solutions for current and future threats we face both abroad and at home.

You can read more about the National Security Solutions Group by [clicking here](#).

Delphi Retirees Deserve "Car Czar" Investigation

President Obama's "Car Czar" Steve Rattner was recently implicated in a kickback scheme involving New York State pension funds. This scheme calls into question the integrity of Steve Rattner's role as "Car Czar" and his decision to force some Delphi retirees to lose their pension benefits.

Because of my concerns, I wrote a letter to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee demanding an investigation into the conduct of Steve Rattner. It is completely unfair how Delphi retirees were treated and they deserve answers about why their pension benefits were slashed.

To read a *Detroit News* article about my work on this issue, please [click here](#).

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to contact you. You can follow my efforts online by visiting my [website](#). You can also keep up with me on [YouTube](#) (RepMikeRogers) and [Facebook](#) (Mike J. Rogers). Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call on me.

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