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The Top Six Reasons to Support the House –Proposed Federal Health Care Reform

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The America’s Affordable Health Choices Act would provide significant benefits to Missourians. Here are the top 6 reasons why Missouri’s Congressional Delegation should say YES to proposed efforts to assure that all Missourians have access to affordable, quality health care no matter who they work for, how much they earn, where they live, or whether they are healthy or sick. Benefits are summarized by Congressional District.¹

Here are some ways Missourians will benefit: Six sensible reasons to support health care reform.						
	Reason #1.	Reason #2.	Reason #3.	Reason #4.	Reason #5.	Reason #6.
	<i>Small businesses will qualify for tax credits of up to 50 percent of the cost of providing health insurance as a benefit to their employees</i>	<i>Seniors will get relief from having to pay full cost for medications when they reach the Medicare Part D donut hole</i>	<i>Caps on out of pocket costs will reduce bankruptcies related to medical bills</i>	<i>Hospitals and other providers will have to provide less uncompensated care for the uninsured</i>	<i>People who are currently uninsured will receive coverage²</i>	<i>Proposed health care reform will be fully paid for, and doing so would affect only a very small number of Missourians with the highest incomes³</i>
District 1. (Clay)	Up to 15,200 small businesses will receive assistance	8,900 seniors will get relief	1,400 bankruptcies will be avoided	\$84 million saved in uncompensated care	83,000 uninsured will receive coverage	A surtax would affect only 2,200 households, (.8 per cent of households)
District 2. (Akin)	Up to 15,200 small businesses will receive assistance	8,900 seniors will get relief	1,400 bankruptcies will be avoided	\$89 million saved in uncompensated care	25,000 uninsured will receive coverage	A surtax would affect only 7,630 households, (2.3

¹ The analysis from the House Energy & Commerce Committee is based on the following sources: the Gallup-Healthways Survey (data on the uninsured); U.S. Census data (data on small businesses); the Centers on Medicare and Medicaid Services (data on Part D donut hole, bankruptcies [using PACER court records], and uncompensated care); and the House Ways & Means Committee (data on surtax).

² Based on estimates of covering 97 percent of all Americans when the Act is fully implemented.

³ Half of the cost of health care reform would be paid for through savings in the Medicaid and Medicare programs. The other half would be financed by a graduated surtax ranging from 1 to 5.4 percent. The surtax would apply to households with an adjusted income in excess of \$280,000 (single person) or \$350,000 (couple), the top 1.2 percent of earners.

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District 3. (Carnahan)	Up to 13,900 small businesses will receive assistance	10,500 seniors will get relief	1,630 bankruptcies will be avoided	\$540 million saved in uncompensated care	72,000 uninsured will receive coverage	A surtax would affect only 2,400 households, (.8 per cent of households)
District 4. (Skelton)	Up to 14,900 small businesses will receive assistance	11,100 seniors will get relief	1,150 bankruptcies will be avoided	\$135 million saved in uncompensated care	72,000 uninsured will receive coverage	A surtax would affect only 1,100 households, (.4 per cent of households)
District 5. (Clever)	Up to 14,300 small businesses will receive assistance	9,300 seniors will get relief	1,530 bankruptcies will be avoided	\$124 million saved in uncompensated care	94,000 uninsured will receive coverage	A surtax would affect only 1,800 households, (.6 per cent of households)
District 6. (Graves)	Up to 14,900 small businesses will receive assistance	10,600 seniors will get relief	1,200 bankruptcies will be avoided	\$112 million saved in uncompensated care	69,000 uninsured will receive coverage	A surtax would affect only 1,800 households, (.6 per cent of households)
District 7. (Blunt)	Up to 16,500 small businesses will receive assistance	12,500 seniors will get relief	1,300 bankruptcies will be avoided	\$164 million saved in uncompensated care	111,000 uninsured will receive coverage	A surtax would affect only 2,100 households, (.7 per cent of households)
District 8. (Emerson)	Up to 15,500 small businesses will receive assistance	10,400 seniors will get relief	1,100 bankruptcies will be avoided	\$154 million saved in uncompensated care	116,000 uninsured will receive coverage	A surtax would affect only 970 households, (.4 per cent of households)
District 9. Luetkemeyer	Up to 15,500 small businesses will receive assistance	10,600 seniors will get relief	1,200 bankruptcies will be avoided	\$143 million saved in uncompensated care	90,000 uninsured will receive coverage	A surtax would affect only 1,890 households, (.6 per cent of households)

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