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To all U.S. Senators and Congressmen working on the health care bill to replace or repair Obamacare:
Invite Democrats, integrative health practitioners and others to the table to discuss how to fix it

1. **Repeal, Amend or Repair the Affordable Care Act** to vastly expand treatment choices including the prescription of nutritional supplements, and other integrative therapies by writing into the FDC Act and the health care law proposals in #2 thru #7 below - the result will be allow competition in the market place resulting in lower drug costs and, thus, reduced insurance premiums to follow.
2. **Set up a pilot program** to offer low cost health care services under the auspices of the **American Peace Corp** and call it "**Medical Peace Corp**" (MPC) or another appropriate name. Test and develop low cost natural remedies using generic drugs for off-label (not FDA approved) use along with alternative therapies (the use of water, food, herbal, dietary supplements, hypnosis, acupuncture, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Ayurvedic, magnetic, ozone and ultraviolet radiation of the blood and all other natural non-patentable remedies) in the prevention and treatment of disease.
3. **Hire up to 5000 former medical corpsmen from the armed forces** to provide **diagnostic services** and **low-cost natural remedies** to treat persons with pre-existing conditions or no insurance in all 50 states. Charge those without insurance based on the current sliding scale formula the VA currently uses. Allow veterans to receive evaluations and treatments at these local health care centers across the country. Allow low cost experimental treatments to be used at the VA and all American Medical Service centers, and place **a monthly ceiling of $1000 per person for the actual prescribed drugs or natural remedies** used in treatment. Empower the domestic Medical Peace Corp to negotiate with local hospitals for specialized diagnostic services like MRI scans that may not be available at the center. Appropriate one billion annually for the research and development of low cost natural remedies for all diseases.
4. **Doctors Database**: Doctors should be required to report the protocols used for any new experimental (non-FDA approved) treatment and the results once every 90 days by using a simple computer form designed by doctors and approved by the Sec. of HHS that takes no more than one minute to complete. This database will eventually contain tens of thousands of cases and their results. The database will be available publicly at the NIH.
5. Amend the definition of "**new drug**" 21 USCS 321(p)(1) and (2) and remove the "effectiveness" language from both paragraphs (1 and 2), leaving only the "safety" of new drugs for the FDA to evaluate when considering a new drug application. This will eliminate the 1 to 4 Billion $ cost for FDA approval of a single health claim; it transfers the right and power to evaluate a drugs "intended use" and "effectiveness" away from Washington and returns it to the States and the people like it once was from June 1938 to 1962.

   The manufacturers of drugs and dietary supplements and natural remedies must be allowed to provide the intended use(s) of their products on the label without mandates for preapproval from FDA employees. Local doctors are adequately qualified by training and experience to evaluate scientific research and data and decide and evaluate the issue of "effectiveness." The First Amendment right of commercial speech for manufacturers and distributors of both patentable and non-patentable drugs and other natural remedies must be restored and vigilantly protected.

6. Amend the definition of "**drug**" under 21 USUC 321 (g)(1)(B) and add "**composition**" to the definition of drug under 21 USCS321 (g)(B) by inserting the following language between the first word "**articles**" and the second word "**intended**" to read as follows -(**articles *listed under the Controlled Substances Act or whose material composition is new, synthetic, patentable or patented and intended…..).*** This language is added to create two conditions for the legal definition of "drug" instead of one based on speech (intended use). Intended use alone as a definition impairs the first amendment right of speech about the health benefits of substances that are not drugs.
7. **Exclusions:** Remove all the language presently used under 21 USCS 321(g)(1)(C) and also (D) and replace it with the following straight forward and easily understood statement – **"Excluded from the definition of drug are water, food, dietary supplements and all other non-patentable remedies."** This removes an incoherent, unintelligible, contradictory and tortuous description of the legal maze a dietary supplement must pass through to have a health benefit and not be classified as a drug.

Author's estimated cost for this pilot program - $10 billion a year.

A successful Health Care law must prioritize reducing the cost of medicine

We must first realize that lower health insurance costs will not be possible unless we first reduce the cost of what we use as medicine. In a government of, by, and for the people, the only legitimate role for the federal government and its regulatory agencies is the safety of drugs, food, and nutritional supplements. All laws and regulations that require preapproval of commercial speech used in the labeling of natural remedies for preventing or mitigating disease directly violates the First Amendment right of freedom of speech and press.

The federal government must return to the states and the people the absolute right and power to determine the intended use of drugs, foods, nutritional supplements and any other substance or remedy used in the prevention or treatment of disease. Medicine must not be limited to patented drugs, it must also include health foods, herbs, nutritional and dietary supplements and anything else that a doctor determines will benefit a patient based on his training and experience.

These proposals will restore free enterprise and competition in the market place, reduce health care cost for patients, insurance companies, the States and Federal Government - possibly saving more than $100 Billion a year. Health care will become affordable and take us off the path to bankruptcy.

The Benefits of these proposals

1. The cost of FDA approval for a single new health use of an already approved drug adds over one billion dollars to each new health benefit listed on the product label. Getting the FDA and the federal government out of the decision making process and letting doctors and patients decide their own treatment and fate within reasonable price limits will introduce thousands of new remedies some of which will be historic low cost breakthroughs.

2. AHCA would thus empower both doctors and patients to make their own choices with the informed consent of the patient who signs a statement accepting that the treatment is experimental and is not government approved.

3. The likelihood is that hundreds (possibly thousands) of safe and effective low cost treatments will be tested and discovered in the lifetime of the living and at a fraction of today's costs saving the public hundreds of billions of dollars per year and improving the health and well being of all Americans.

Thank you for considering these proposals for real and constructivechange.

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