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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the members of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA), we write to urge support for comprehensive health care reform as embodied in H.R. 3962, the Affordable Health Care for America Act.

Since our founding 1947, ADA has supported enactment of a single payer national health care program to provide all Americans with comprehensive, high quality care. It was on President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's agenda for his 4th term, as a culmination of his economic bill of rights. ADA continues to believe it is the right choice, on medical, fiscal, and moral grounds. As such, ADA supports and urges your support for the amendment offered by Rep. Weiner (D-NY).

It is also critical the Congress continues the path toward comprehensive reform. We are aware that political and legislative impediments delayed the move toward reform and we believe it is critical that the House move forward, pass HR 3962, and work with the United States Senate to send to the President as robust and comprehensive a bill as possible.

H.R. 3962 is a serious proposal. ADA urges all members of the House of Representatives who want to address this Nation's health care crisis in a serious and responsible way to vote for it. HR 3962 would;

- expand coverage to millions of additional Americans by making more people eligible for Medicaid and subsidizing health insurance coverage for moderate income earners;
- stop insurance companies from denying coverage based on "preexisting conditions";
- create insurance exchanges where individuals and small businesses can come together to buy affordable coverage;

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- require nearly everyone to buy insurance or pay a penalty;
- create a government insurance plan – as an option – for those buying coverage through the exchange;
- pay for this program without increasing the deficit or taxing health care benefits, in part through a surcharge on the wealthiest 0.3% of tax filers.

In addition, the 160 million Americans who get their health insurance coverage at their workplace can continue with that system if they choose.

This is a reasonable approach to addressing some of the most glaring gaps in the way we provide health care to our Nation's citizens. It has been developed and thoroughly debated in a transparent – and lengthy - legislative process. It deserves your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. J. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Michael J. Wilson
National Director